THE WEATHER

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GOVERNMENT TO OCCUPY MILL BUILDINGS HERE

The quartermaster's department of the regular army has chosen Lowell as a sub-depot for the storage of military textiles manufactured in this city, Lawrence and Holyoke. Two buildings belonging to the Massachusetts mills and totalling 88,000 square feet of floor space have been taken over for the purpose and Capt. H. A. Eldredge of the quartermaster department has been assigned to Lowell to have general charge of the work. He is being assisted by C. C. Keleher as superintendent of employment.

It is expected that approximately 300 men will be employed in the work and Capt. Eldredge will be assisted by a lieutenant if the volume of business demands it. Men are wanted for general storage work such as loading, unloading, etc.

The depot is being opened in Lowell merely as a matter of convenience for the quartermaster department and the local mills which are working on government contracts. Heretofore, Lowell mills have had to ship their goods to Boston where several storehouses are located and the congestion there has become so great that it was deemed expedient to open a sub-depot near the "base of supplies."

The depots in Boston are getting goods faster than they can handle them and the local station will serve as an outlet for some of these manufactured textiles. Army shirtings and similar goods will be stored here, but Capt. Eldredge did not believe that materials for uniforms would be taken care of in this city.

It is expected that the depot will become permanent and if so, employment will undoubtedly be offered to a large number of men.

VOTE TO BORROW $50,000 FOR STREET PAVING

A $50,000 paving loan was voted at the regular meeting of the municipal council held this morning, while a list of streets to be paved during the year, as presented by Commissioner Morse was approved. An appropriation of $3000 for the claim department was also made and considerable routine business was transacted.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 10 o'clock by Mayor Thompson with all members present.

The Lowell Electric Light Corp. was given a hearing on its petition for the erection of a pole on Windsor street and there being no remonstrants the petition was referred. A hearing was also held on the petition of Mrs. J. L. Chalifoux for permission to maintain a garage in Wilder street and the pe-

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NAVY BOAT LOST OFF N. E. COAST

PLYMOUTH, March 26.—While proceeding to this port during a heavy fog early today a government patrol boat struck a ledge off the Gurnet lighthouse and went to the bottom after all hands had been taken off by coast guard crews from south shore stations. There were 26 men in the crew and all were landed safely.

The boat began to leak immediately and four shots were fired at 4.45 o'clock with four others 15 minutes later. The signals created great alarm along the shore, and crews from Brant Rock and Gurnet put out immediately. The landing of the men was reported by the commander of the latter station who notified naval authorities at Boston that the vessel, which was 138 feet long had sunk at 8.30 o'clock.

POLICE ON LATE NIGHT PATROL WILL WORK ONE 7-HOUR TRICK

Despite the fact that the members of the police department were much disappointed when the municipal council turned them down on their request for an increase in pay, the members of the second night platoon or early morning shift are taking consolation in the fact that next Sunday morning they will work one hour less when the hands of the clock are pushed ahead one hour at two o'clock in the morning.

At the present time the officers on the late night shift report for duty at 12.30 o'clock and quit work at 8.30 o'clock in the morning, an eight hour shift, but when the clock is pushed ahead an hour the men will finish at 8.30 by the clock but in reality it will be but 7.30 o'clock. But when the clock is pushed back an hour next October the men on this shift will work a nine instead of an eight hour shift.

B. & M. WANTS TO INCREASE RATES

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The Boston & Maine railroad today applied to the interstate commerce commission for increased carload commodity rates on iron and steel articles from New England and New York to points in the central west. The increase is to restore the relationship of rates existing prior to the recent 15 per cent. advance.

Knights of Columbus

MEMBERS OF LOWELL COUNCIL, NO. 72

Knights of Columbus, will please meet at the K. of C. quarters at 8.30 this evening and go from there to the house of our late brother, Timothy Nolan, 11 Crowley street, there to take part in the exercises to be conducted by our chaplain. Brother Nolan was a member of the Lynn Council.

ROBERT H. THOMAS, Grand Knight.

WITH THE ARMY AND NAVY

Daniel J. McGeever, manager of the Atlantic and Pacific branch store in Belvidere, was accepted for the naval reserve at the local navy station this morning and was forwarded to Boston for final examination. He lived at 60 Keene street. With him went James E. Murphy, 16 Litchfield terrace, and Edward T. P. O'Connor, 82 Walker street. The three Lowell men were scheduled to sail for Norfolk, Va., this afternoon.

Lowell men who would like to become members of one of the most fascinating branches of regular army life, the tank service, have an opportunity to do so, according to a telegram received recently by Sergt. Cox of the local regular army station. Men outside the draft age are wanted and their training is to take place on the ground where the battle of Gettysburg was fought, Camp Gettysburg, Pa. Men desiring to enlist should write to the director of tank service at Gettysburg, stating their qualifications.

Edward Barlow of Winooski, Vt., was forwarded to Boston today from the local army station as a recruit for the engineer corps.

Russell McDermott, formerly a well known druggist in Lowell, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in the medical corps at Camp Devens.

Jack Worthy of High street has joined the merchant marine service having enlisted at the customs house, Boston, as a fireman. Worthy was on the S.S. Devonian of the Leyland line when she was sunk on August 21, 1917, off the north of Ireland. He has had extensive travelling experience. He is a member of the Aetna Campers.

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British and French Forces Firmly Resist Desperate Attacks by German Masses

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN NEXT FEW HOURS

Results Expected to Lead to Betterment of British Armies Which are Steming German Onslaught

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 26 (By the Associated Press).—There is reason to believe important events will be recorded within the next few hours which may lead to a betterment of the position of the armies which are stemming the German onslaught.

The enemy is fighting desperately hard against time. On the first day his reserves were reduced to 52 divisions. At the end of the second day some 40 divisions from the reserves had been put in.

A heavy German attack yesterday about Ervillers was completely smashed by the British artillery fire.

The withdrawal was not due to pressure against this sector of the line. Reports from all along the front indicate that the German loss of life yesterday was heavy. The enemy advanced against allied gunners who were firing with open sights.

Last night British airmen took heavy toll from the German infantrymen in Bapaume.

130 German Airplanes Doomed

No official figures are at hand but from compilations made personally the correspondent is convinced that at least 130 German airplanes have been brought down in the last five days.

The fighting yesterday continued with more or less intensity along the whole line. The Germans pushed hard in the neighborhood of Fonches, Chaulnes, Estrees, Dompierre, Mericourt, Miraumont, Achiet Le Grand, Sapignies and Ervillers. Heavy fighting occurred about Grevillers and a desperate conflict was waged in the vicinity of Nesle, which the Germans now hold.

The enemy also attacked strongly in the direction of Noyon, but met with strenuous resistance, which appeared to stem the advance. A further massing of German troops was reported at Peronne and north of Bapaume, both of which the enemy holds.

Bapaume Turned Into Inferno

Bapaume was turned into an inferno by squadrons of British aviators. Their bombs tore to pieces whatever was left of the place. The work of the British airmen since the beginning of the battle has been one of the brightest pages. Bitter battles in the air have been fought by scores of aviators, and the service has proved fully its ability to smother the German airmen at a crucial time.

The compilations of German airplane losses made by the correspondent have reference to only one section of the battle front, comprising perhaps two-thirds of the line affected.

During the night there was comparatively little change in the line. No heavy attack this morning had been reported up to 10 o'clock. The British were still holding the enemy strongly about half way between Combles and Albert.

FOE ACTIVE NEAR AMERICAN LINE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 25 (By the Associated Press).—The American positions on a certain part of the Toul front were bombarded with mustard gas shells at the rate of six a minute last night but ineffectively. The American artillery replied with a heavy fire and demolished segments of the German front lines and other points.

A German airplane flew over the American lines during the night and dropped a shell which did not explode but dug a deep hole. At noon today a French airplane brought down a German machine opposite the American trenches.

American observers find increased activity behind the enemy line. Many horses, vehicles and bicycles are moving along the roads. The usual patrols were active during the night and an American party found a camouflage suit abandoned by a German sniper.

American gunners have bombarded the mouth of a tunnel inside the German lines and an observation post recently discovered.

FINNISH RED GUARDS FLEEING IN PANIC

STOCKHOLM, March 25.—The front of the Finnish Red Guards has been broken and they are fleeing southward in panic, according to reports received here today. The decisive strike was delivered in the form of a flanking movement on the east. Suhula station has been occupied.

The Red Guards are reported to have left behind them large stores of guns, railway trucks and ammunition, as well as many prisoners.

The Red Guards, who are supported by the Bolsheviki, have been carrying on civil war with the White Guards, who presumably were assisted in the battle by German troops recently sent in.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HEAR FARM WORK DIRECTOR

Stephen R. Dow, director of farm work for boys in this state, addressed all the boys of the Lowell high school this morning in the school hall on the matter of enrolling in the United States Boys' Working Reserve for farm work during the coming summer.

Mr. Dow explained in detail the need of boys on the farm this summer owing to war conditions and urged Lowell boys between 16 and 21 to look upon enrollment for this work as just as patriotic a duty as that of enlisting in the army or navy. He told of the camps which had been established by the state last summer and the success of these; similar camps are to be established this summer in communities where farmers will undertake to provide employment for at least 25 boys.

Mr. Dow's audience seemed an enthusiastic one and enrollment will begin at the high school office at once.

AGREE ON BILL TO GIVE M'ADOO POWER

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The ways and means committee today tentatively agreed on a bill to give Secretary McAdoo power to issue $5,000,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, double the amount now authorized.

BOSTON BOY KILLED IN SEAPLANE ACCIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 26.—A seaplane accident at Pensacola, Fla., resulting in the death of Ensign Michael Joseph Delehanty, naval reserves, 66 Bowdoin street, Boston, Mass., was reported today to the navy department.

Big Events Impending in Near Future Expected to Turn Tide in Favor of Allies

Germany Paying Heavily for Every Foot of Ground Wrested From Allied Armies—70 Enemy Divisions in Battle—Losses so Great Enemy Forced to Bring up Fresh Troops From All Parts of Western Front —New Attacks Launched Today— —British Resistance Stiffens

Although still giving ground at points before the desperate German drive, the British and French armies engaged in the great battle in northern France are preserving their united front intact and apparently awaiting the opportune moment for the delivery of a counter blow to dispel the German dream of world domination.

Big events are impending in the immediate future and advices from the front indicate that these are expected to develop favorably to the allies.

All accounts agree that Germany is paying heavily for every foot of ground she has wrested from the allied armies.

70 German Divisions in Battle

Field Marshal Haig's report reveals that more than 70 divisions or between 800,000 and 900,000 men, have already been engaged in the battle on the German side, and the widespread call for fresh troops makes it plain that the fighting forces are being rapidly used up in the terrific onslaught.

The rearward movement in the face of the Teutonic attack has now brought the allied armies well toward the edge of their former battle lines in the Somme area and in the devastated region to the southeast.

British Resistance Stiffens

British resistance to the mighty German blow west of Cambrai apparently is stiffening. The Germans, despite the new masses of reserves which are being hurled into the battle line continuously are slowing up on some parts of the attacking front before the defense of Field Marshal Haig.

Germans Slow Up

On the extreme north and in the center the German progress has been appreciably slower, while around Bapaume on the old battlefield of the Somme and east and north of Noyon the enemy has made gains but only at the cost of a fearful toll exacted by machine guns and artillery. The fighting on these sectors continues of the most severe character.

Germans Suffer Heavy Losses

Southeast of Arras the British line has yielded only about three miles at the greatest depth since Saturday. Immediately west of the Somme, south of Peronne, the Germans suffered heavily in forcing a crossing of the river and seemingly have not been able to advance as fast as they did before the river was reached.

Gain May Prove Menace to Germans

In the Bapaume region the Germans have driven a long salient in toward Longueval and have widened it somewhat southward in the direction of Peronne. Unless the salient is widened still more it may prove a menace of the enemy as the British line still is holding well to the north and the south.

British and French Resist Enemy

On the lowlying ground between the Somme and the Oise, where the French have come to assist the British, the Germans have reached Nesle and Guiscard, the British and French falling back under orders but resisting the oncoming enemy forces strongly. Around Chauny the Germans apparently have made no effort to cross the Oise and strike south and the French north of the Oise probably are falling back to it toward the old line as it existed before the German retreat of last March.

British Escape Jaws of "Pincers"

In their original attack the Germans made their strongest efforts immediately west of Cambrai and between St. Quentin and La Fere, and drove forward on these sectors in the form of the well known "pincers" operations. The British, however, met this by retiring in the center toward the Somme, eluding the jaws of the "pincers" and forcing the German advance to take the form of a wedge with a blunt apex and wide wings.

Germans Exposed to Flank Attacks

As the battle line now stands it is not much greater in length than the line which the Germans attacked, but the enemy now has exposed his front to flank attacks both from the north and the south. In five days the Germans have advanced over approximately two-thirds of the territory devastated and made almost a barren waste in the retirement to the Hindenburg line a year ago.

British Airmen Aid Army

British airmen continue to give strong help to the infantry and artillery, and the latest statement reports that they accounted for 67 enemy machines, 45 of which were shot down. The British loss was ten. Entente aviators also have bombed Cologne and railway stations behind the battle line as well as airdromes and billets.

British Advance in Palestine

In Palestine, British troops, crossing the river Jordan in force north of Jericho, are within three miles of Es-salt, south of Mt. Gilead. They have now covered nearly half the distance between the river and the Hedjas railway to the east.

GIVES REASONS FOR NEW CASUALTY LIST PLAN

WASHINGTON, March 26—An official statement of the war department's reasons for announcing only the names of American troops killed or wounded in France was submitted to the senate today by Major General March, acting chief of staff, with a statement that the department considered it of best advantage from all points of view.

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LONG RANGE GUN MADE IN AUSTRIA

GENEVA, March 25.—(By the Associated Press)—The long range guns bombarding Paris, according to a Vienna despatch received here, are of Austrian manufacture, having been built at the Skoda factory.

The gun itself is not new but its novelty comes from a new type of shell and the explosive gases used in the gun. There are said to be only two or three of the guns.

ONE OF GREATEST SURPRISES OF WAR

LONDON, March 26.—In the "mystery gun" the name generally given to the weapon with which the Germans are bombarding Paris from a distance estimated at 75 miles, it is frankly conceded by experts the enemy has sprung one of the greatest surprises of the war.

Gen. Sir Desmond O'Callaghan, formerly president of the army ordnance department says:

"The projectiles must have been fired from longer and heavier guns and with a more powerful propellant than we have any knowledge of."

From Paris has come the suggestion that the extraordinary range of the gun is due to the projectile being provided with a second charge which explodes when the first stage of the flight is completed, giving it a fresh impetus. This theory is scouted by Gen. O'Callaghan, as is also the variant of it, that the projectile is fitted with a propeller enabling it to continue its journey when it is no longer driven by the projecting force from the gun.

"It would seem," he says, "that the new departure in ballistics can alone explain the enormous range which is three times that of anything hitherto accomplished."

Another expert estimates that the weight of the projectile is about 380 pounds and that it leaves the gun with a muzzle velocity of about 4000 feet per second, the gun having an elevation of about 65 degrees, "which very quickly takes the projectile into a stratum of rarified air in which resistance is greatly minimized." The strain upon the gun, he says must be enormous, and probably it would be unable to survive more than a hundred rounds at the most, the cost of each being nearly £1000.

All the experts agree that at such a tremendous range, even approximate accuracy is out of the question and therefore the gun is only of use where a target is presented on a vast scale like Paris. The object aimed at, they say, is rather more moral than material, but in both respects, the gun is likely to prove less effective than airplane raiders.

LOWELL WOMEN CHARGED WITH PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED

Eight women were summoned into police court this morning to answer to complaints charging them with practicing medicine without being registered. They were Helen Mavracki, Dunatra Macrapoulos, Elizabet Lascaris, Lina Hopner, Georgianna Perry, Mary Korkucki, Anna Paduch and Mary Sullivan, but by agreement between the government and counsel for the defense the cases were continued until April 30.

The commission of registration of medicine of this state has been waging war against people who have been practicing midwifery and learning that there were several women in this city who had been practicing detailed State Officer Arthur E. Keating to make an investigation. During the past several weeks that official has made a number of trips to this city, located people who it is alleged had been practicing midwifery, looked over the returns of births at city hall and upon interviewing people who had engaged these women got enough of data to cause eight women to be brought before the court.

WOMAN ARRAIGNED ON LARCENY CHARGE

Celia Glennie was arraigned before Judge Enright in police court this morning on a charge of larceny, it being alleged that she stole about $100 worth of clothing, the property of Mrs. Frederic C. Church of Belmont ave. Through her counsel the hearing of the case was continued for one week.

The Glennie woman, who is 30 years of age, had been employed as a domestic at the Church house and it is alleged that from time to time she stole articles of wearing apparel. When the police were notified Sergts. McCloughrey and Wilson went to a room where the woman was stopping and recovered a large amount of clothing. When brought to the police station Miss Glennie had over $500 in money on her person besides bank books with accounts amounting to over $1200.

Hyman Kosasky was charged with violation of the automobile law by allowing the engine of his machine running while unattended. He was found guilty and a fine of $5 imposed.

Joseph Confrat who was found guilty of assault and battery on his wife was given a suspended sentence of four months in the house of correction.

GERMAN TANKS

Took Part In Breaking Enemy Resistance, Says Berlin

BERLIN, March 25, via London—German tanks, reinforced by captured British tanks, says a semi-official statement today on Sunday's fighting in the west, "took a leading part in breaking the brave enemy resistance."

Tanks attached to the German divisions fighting below St. Quentin stood the test brilliantly, the statement says, and their mobility was universally praised. All the tanks which took part in the fighting are said to have returned undamaged. It was mainly due to their intervention, the statement continues, that the tenacious resistance of the British, especially the machine gun nests, was broken quickly. Troops manning a concrete redoubt near Ervillers are reported to have been overpowered immediately by the tanks.

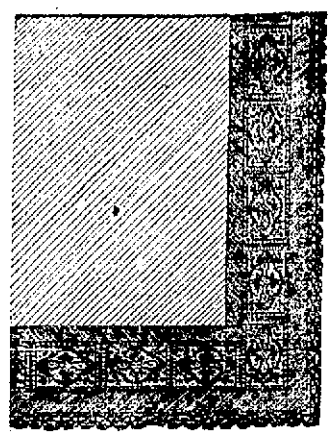
Mothers find Grape-Nuts

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SEIZE DUTCH SHIPS IN CANADIAN PORT

A CANADIAN PORT, March 26.—Two Dutch steamers that have been lying in port here for some time were taken over by naval authorities last night under the order recently issued for the seizure of Dutch ships in allied ports. The Dutch flag, however, was left flying on the ships and the Dutch crews were allowed to remain on board until transportation could be obtained for them. The ships register about 200 tons each and have full cargoes aboard.



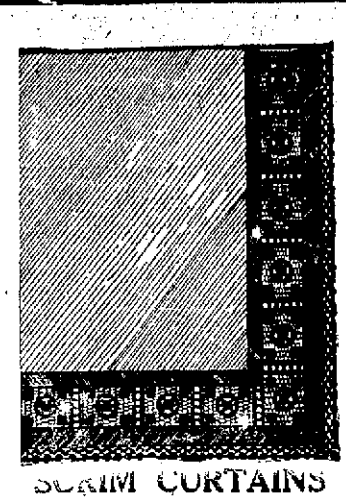
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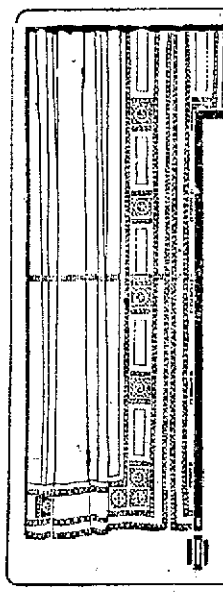
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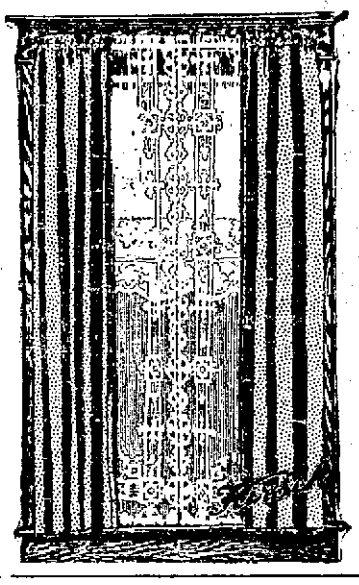
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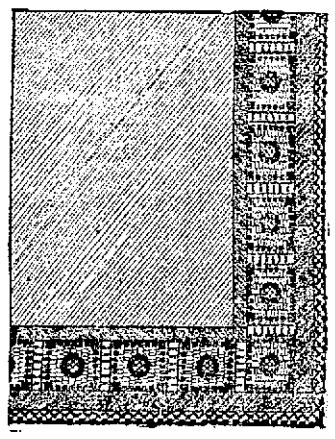
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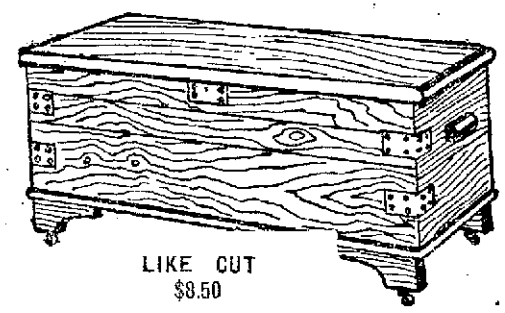
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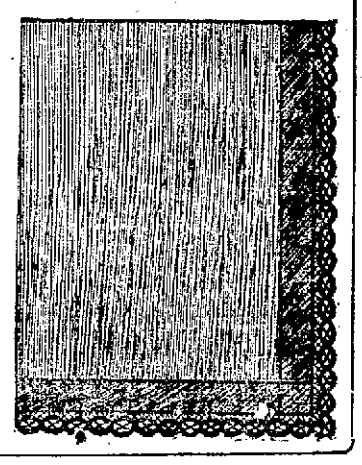
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THIRD LOAN THREE BILLION

Sec. McAdoo Announces Next Liberty Loan Will Open Apr. 6—Rate Four and Quarter Per Cent

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The third Liberty Loan, to open April 6, will be for $3,000,000,000 and all oversubscriptions, at 4½ per cent. interest.

Bonds of the first loan, bearing 3½ per cent. interest, and of the second loan at 4 per cent., may be converted into the new bonds, but those of the third loan will not be convertible into any future issue.

This announcement was made last night by Secretary McAdoo, with the comment that "the great events now happening in France must fire the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and all the material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism."

In connection with the loan the secretary plans to establish a sinking fund with which to purchase back any bonds of the third loan thrown on the market, in order to aid in keeping the price up to par. The maturity of the bonds is yet to be determined, but it was officially stated they would be long term, probably between 20 and 30 years.

Surprise at Size

Other features which will be settled as soon as congress passes the necessary authorizing legislation are the length of the campaign and the terms of payments on the bonds.

Most financial observers were surprised at the comparatively small size of the loan and at the interest rate, both of which they had expected to be higher. Reduction of government expenditures and allied loans below former estimates is responsible for the [illegible] Secretary McAdoo explained. He said the bonds were made non-convertible to put an end to expectations of higher interest rates in the future, indicating his purpose to maintain the 4¼ rate for future loans.

Will Rush Legislation

Legislation will be drafted today by Chairman Kitchin of the house ways and means committee to provide for an additional bond authorization of $4,500,000,000 more than the $5,666,000,000 sum already authorized but unissued, for the increased interest rate for continuance of loans to the allies this summer and for issuance of more than the $4,000,000,000 certificates of indebtedness now authorized. An effort will be made to rush this legislation through both houses this week so that final plans may be made for the third Liberty Loan and the engraving of the bond faces by the first of next week. No opposition to the legislation is looked for in either house.

In announcing the loan last night, Secretary McAdoo made the following statement:

The secretary of the treasury in a conference with Mr. Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee, yesterday outlined his plan for third Liberty Loan. Actual expenditures of the United States government and of the allied governments having been much less than had been indicated by the estimates, the amount of the next loan will be only $3,000,000,000, the right being reserved to allot over-subscriptions.

Four and Quarter Per Cent.

The secretary will ask authority from congress to issue bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4¼ per cent. per annum, acceptable at par and accrued interest in payment of United States inheritance taxes and having the benefit of a sinking fund of 5 per cent. per annum during the period of the war and for one year thereafter.

"It is the belief of the secretary that the rate now proposed is sufficient and that, by restricting unnecessary capital issues and by inducing the people who subscribe for Liberty bonds to save them and keep them for investment by purchases with the sinking fund from those who find themselves compelled to sell, further increases in the interest rate may be avoided.

"In order to put an end to the expectation of higher interest rate, it is proposed that conversion privileges shall be eliminated from the new bonds, but the holders of Liberty bonds of all existing issues will be given an opportunity to convert their bonds into the new 4 1-4 per cent bonds.

Hasten Kaiser's Defeat

"In addition to the foregoing principal items of the proposed program, congress will be asked for authority to issue bonds to the amount of $4,500,000,000 in addition to those now authorized, in order to provide for future issues; for authority to issue additional treasury certificates of indebtedness, for authority to make additional loans to the allied governments during the summer and for authority to deposit income and excess profits taxes with national banks throughout the United States in the same manner as the proceeds of the Liberty loans.

"I am sure that the people will respond to the third Liberty loan with the same loyalty and enthusiasm that characterized their support of the first two loans. The great events now happening in France must fire the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism. Defeat faces the kaiser. Let us hasten it by asserting America's might with increased vigor in concert with our gallant comrades."

Expected $5,000,000,000

Most bankers and business men with whom Secretary McAdoo has conferred recently indicated that they expected a loan of about $5,000,000,000 at an interest rate higher than 4 1-4 per cent. They brought word that the country was ready to absorb that amount.

Secretary McAdoo's advisers were not unanimous in their opinion of what the interest rate should be, but practically all agreed that money market conditions would be less disturbed by a 4 1-4 per cent. raise than by 4 1-2. The sinking fund provision of the third loan, which the first and second issues did not have, is expected to prove a strong influence in preventing bonds from falling far below par, as other issues already have done.

The necessity for further authorization for certificates for indebtedness arises from the fact that about $3,250,000,000 already are outstanding and the treasury plans to issue more than $1,000,000,000 more before the third loan closes, while the maximum authorized under the present law is $4,000,000,000.

Loans to Allies

Credits to allies now amount to $4,960,800,000 and about $2,000,000,000 authorized loans yet remain to be executed. This would not be sufficient to continue the rate of $500,000,000 a month through the summer months and consequently an additional authorization is asked by Secretary McAdoo. The amount of this will be determined by congress.

The legislation to deposit tax collections with banks is sought as a measure to prevent big accumulations of funds in the treasury when taxes are due in June.

Most officials believe that despite the low goal set by Secretary McAdoo, actual subscriptions will far exceed $3,000,000,000. The first loan of $2,000,000,000 was over-subscribed by more than $1,000,000,000, but none of the over-subscription was accepted. The second loan was for a minimum of $3,000,000,000 and only one-half of the $1,617,000,000 over-subscription was taken. The first bonds mature in 30 years, but may be redeemed at the call of the treasury in 15 years. The second bonds mature in 25 years, but may be redeemed in 10 years.

Alternative, Heavier Tax

Commenting on the interest rate of 4 1-4 per cent., Chairman Kitchin said last night: "If the people are not willing to lend the government money at that rate in these times, heavier taxation is the only alternative."

A measure to encourage the sale of Liberty bonds by removing the limit of loans which national banks may make to a borrower who wishes to buy bonds, was reported to the house yesterday by Chairman Glass of the banking and currency committee.

Secretary McAdoo had endorsed the bill in a letter saying:

"I am told that there are a good many banks which will, because of this limitation, decline to make loans where their customers desire to subscribe. It is of small effect, also furnished a convenient excuse for [illegible] those who do not want to assist in the Liberty loan campaigns."

As director-general of railroads, Mr. McAdoo yesterday asked the railroads under government control to report on the amount of Liberty bonds of each issue bought as investments or for employes the amounts now held, and the amount sold, together with the disposition and sale price.

ALARMIST REPORTS

Spread by Germans Around Battle Zones in France

LONDON, March 26.—German agents are spreading alarmist reports among the civil population around the battle zone in northern France, according to a despatch from the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters dated Monday. These persons are being dealt with summarily when caught. Concerning the fighting, the correspondent says:

"The spirit and the determination of the British troops are excellent. The enemy losses have been enormous. The situation in many places remains very confused, which is natural in fighting that has assumed more of the character of a war movement than at any time since the days of the Marne."

SELL FUEL AT COST

ORONO, Me., March 26.—The annual town meeting yesterday voted to establish a municipal yard for the sale of fuel at cost.

U. S. FLYER FELL TO HIS DEATH

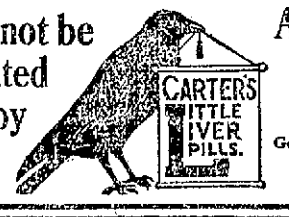
ROME, Saturday, March 26.—The American embassy reports the drowning of Arthur Nelson while flying at a hydro-aviation camp in Central Italy.

Neither the machine nor the body was recovered, the aviator falling straight into the water from a height of 3000 feet. Nelson enlisted at Crosby,

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GERMAN ARMIES CUT TO PIECES

Enemy Threw Away Thousands of Lives to Overcome British Resistance

Allied Military Experts Confident of Ultimate Victory Over Germans In West

FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, March 25—(By The Associated Press)—Entire confidence reigns that the Germans' last trump in the world battle will be overtrumped when the proper moment comes. The allied military authorities were fully cognizant that the enemy's supreme effort would cause a retreat until measures could be taken to check the irruption into the allied positions.

As always the attackers possessed the advantage of knowing exactly where they would launch their onslaught while the defenders were compelled to await developments of the battle before meeting the onrush with counter measures. There is every sign in today's situation that the terrific attack, in which apparently somewhere in the neighborhood of one million Germans of all arms are engaged, is being slackened. The resistance of the allies seems firmer, and the arrival on the scene of French reserves, sent up to the southern flank, brought welcome support to the British, who sustained the first powerful rush.

The German divisions, which began what evidently was intended to be an irresistable forward movement were so cut up that they were replaced by fresh formations. It is these divisions which have been checked at the positions on which it was foreseen by the allied generals that a stand would be made.

The ground over which the fighting has taken place possesses small tactical value, but it permitted the allies to retire in perfect order. It had been devastated by the Germans before they retreated last year, and the inhabitants had not time or means to build it up again. While retiring across what was almost desert land, the British inflicted enormous losses on the enemy who threw away thousands of lives in an effort to overcome the resistence he encountered. When the retiring British reached the Somme and the canal they turned about and gave battle, meeting repeated and long sustained endeavors of both infantry and cavalry.

The initial rush of the enemy seems to have been stopped. Military opinion generally is that this first phase of the great battle in which even more troops were employed than in the battle of the Marne gives no indication what the result will be. Nevertheless developments are awaited by the allies without anxiety.

DEBATE RATIFICATION OF "DRY" AMENDMENT

BOSTON, March 26.—Debate on a bill providing for ratification of the federal prohibition amendment, offered as a substitute for the report of a committee which recommended a referendum, was begun in the house today with the prohibition forces lined up solidly in an effort to have the legislature decide the issue without reference to the people at the next state election. After canvasses of the members' prohibition leaders predicted the lower branch would adopt the substitute with a majority of at least 25 votes but expressed some doubt as to its chances in the senate.

The committee on federal relations, to which were referred a straight referendum and two ratification bills reported 6 to 5 for the former method. The minority members stated that they would renew the fight for ratification on the floor of the house.

Since the petitions were filed early in the session members have been deluged with literature sent by hundreds of citizens and organizations for and against ratification, and prohibition workers announced that if the referendum were adopted they would urge the governor to veto it.

The state house postmaster estimated that more than 5000 telegrams were received during the forenoon by members of the legislature. These came from citizens in every district, urging passage of the ratification or referendum measures.

Crowds went to the state house to hear the debate and several hundred men and women were in the corridors when the spectators' gallery was opened.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS IN PATH OF ONSLAUGHT

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Two regiments of American railroad engineers are attached to the British armies in the path of the German onslaught on the western front, and three companies as yet unheard from, were employed near the Crozat canal, where German official statements mentioned engagements with American troops.

This information, cabled the war department last night by Gen. Pershing, while definitely disposing of reports that Americans had been sent into battle, caused no little anxiety here regarding the fate of the engineers who had not reported.

DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEDULE TO BE USHERED IN BY BELLS AND WHISTLES

At 8 o'clock Saturday night the fire alarm bells will be rung for the purpose of announcing the new schedule of advanced time, which will become effective Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. This action will be taken at the request of Mayor Thompson, who will also request the mills to blow their whistles and ring their bells at the same time. The ringing of bells and blowing of whistles will act as a tip to the residents of this city to advance their clocks and watches one hour.

In relation to the change of time the mayor gave out the following statement this morning:

In order to consistently notify all the inhabitants of the city of Lowell to move their watches and clocks forward one hour in time before the daylight saving schedule goes into effect, I have requested the commissioner of the fire department to cause the fire alarm bells to be rung out at eight o'clock on Saturday night; the new schedule of advanced time becoming effectual on Sunday, March 31st inst. at two o'clock a. m.

The clock on the city hall tower will be advanced one hour, at eight o'clock on Saturday night.

PERRY D. THOMPSON,
Mayor of Lowell.

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GERMAN SHIP CUT IN TWO

Details of Naval Engagement Off Dunkirk—British and French Defeat Enemy Fleet

LONDON, March 26.—In the engagement between allied and enemy destroyer squadrons off Dunkirk last Thursday the British destroyer Botha cut a German warship in half and took a leadnig part in the fight, although her main steam pipe had been severed by a stray shell.

Early last Thursday morning the British destroyers Botha and Morris and the French destroyers Capitaine Mehl, Magon and Boucher were patrolling the eastern waters of the English channel when they heard enemy ships bombarding the coast of Dunkirk. They fired star shells which had the effect of silencing the bombardment and scattering the enemy.

The destroyers started in pursuit of the Germans in a northwesterly direction and discovered eventually that the enemy ships were making for their base. A grim fight ensued, according to the stories of eye witnesses. None of the German torpedoes found a mark, but the Morris, emerging from an enemy smoke screen cut off a German destroyer of a large type and torpedoed her at a range of 500 yards. There was an explosion in the enemy vessel and she sank immediately.

Meanwhile the Botha had been crippled and she began to lose her way. The crew determined to do what damage they could and fired both their torpedoes at the two leading enemy boats. Then, her helm having been put hard over the Botha rammed another boat cleanly amidships cutting it in half.

Swinging around the Botha attempted to repeat the ramming maneuver on the next German astern. The enemy craft, however, eluded the effort of the crippled Britisher only to fall a victim to the French destroyers. Ablaze, the German boat lay disabled while the Frenchmen pounded her with torpedoes and gunfire.

The Morris lost the rest of the quarry in the mist and took the lame Botha in tow while the French destroyers circled around, picking up prisoners. From their statements it appears that 18 German craft participated in the raid and when they fled from the French coast leaving three of their number behind they were attacked by a British naval air squadron which pelted them with bombs and scattered them in disorder.

Two German destroyers and two German torpedo boats were believed to have been sunk in the action off Dunkirk, according to an announcement made by the British admiralty on March 21. It was said that no allied vessels were sunk and that one damaged British destroyer had reached port.

1800 SHOE WORKERS STRIKE AT BRISTOL, R. I.

BRISTOL, R. I., March 26.—Eighteen hundred shoe workers employed at the plant of the National India Rubber Co. here struck because union leaders said they were unwilling to accept the new scale of increased wages posted by the company. The new scale, effective today, provided for increases ranging from one-half to one and three-quarters cents a pair.

As a result of the strike the plant was closed at noon throwing 4500 operatives out of work until the differences are adjusted.

The strikers congregated near the gates, but there was no disorder as they were forced to move on by a squad of 50 police officers, many of whom had been engaged by the management.

U. S. SOLDIERS AND MEXICANS IN BATTLE

VAN HORN, Tex., March 26.—Fighting between United States soldiers and Mexican raiders is reported in progress at Nevell's ranch, 43 miles south of Van Horn, where late last night a Mexican woman was killed by the raiders. E. W. Nevell, who was reported killed, now is said to be safe.

SOCIALISTS FEARED — SEAMEN'S UNION OPPOSED TO LABOR CONFERENCE HERE

LONDON, March 26.—The seamen's and firemen's union has decided that its members shall refuse to sail on any ship conveying delegates appointed to the inter-allied labor conference in the United States.

An official of the union said:

"Our opposition to these men is the same as that against Ramsay MacDonald. We will take no one who is opposed to the doctrine that Germany must make compensation to dependents of our murdered merchant seamen."

Camille Huysmans, Belgian socialist leader, and the French delegates to the conference have deferred their departure in view of the pending visit of American delegates to Europe.

When the inter-allied labor conference was held in England last month no American delegates were present. It was accordingly decided to send the delegation of workmen and socialists from England, France and Belgium to the United States to explain the position of labor in those countries.

The Seamen's union last year refused to permit Ramsay MacDonald, member of parliament, to sail on a mission to Russia for the independent labor party, until he had signed a guarantee demanded by the union, on the ground that he was a pacifist.

Official announcement was made in Rome on Sunday that the Italian socialists had declined to participate in the conference in the United States.

RIDE WOMAN ON RAIL

Loyalists Force Her to Wave American Flag

BENTON, Ill., March 26.—Five hundred members of the "Loyalty League" of West Frankfort, near here, late yesterday seized Mrs. Frances Bergen, of Bohemian birth, from municipal officers, rode her on a rail through the main street of the town and compelled her to wave an American flag throughout the demonstration.

At frequent intervals the procession paused while Mrs. Bergen was compelled to shout praise for President Wilson.

The trouble followed a quarrel between the woman and Henry Baker, who charged her with disloyal utterances. Both were arrested and found guilty of assault. Baker's fine was paid by public subscription.

Mrs. Bergen was later held by a United States commissioner for the grand jury.

STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Arthur V Varnum of 27 Orchard st, called at the police station today and informed the officer in charge that he had accidentally struck with his automobile Daniel Silva of 39 Union st. at the corner of Gorham and Union sts at 11.40 o'clock this forenoon. He also stated that he removed the boy to St. John's hospital in his automobile. It was learned later at the hospital that the boy was suffering from a laceration of the right arm and abrasions on the hip. The boy is now under observation for it is feared he also received internal injuries.

Dr. B. H. Warren, the ornithologist, of West Chester, Penn., has built a private museum for his bird collection. The doctor owns 500 specimens of bird life of this state and others, and it is one of the most remarkable collections owned by an individual in the United States.

SON OF FORMER GOV. AMES DIED AT HIS HOME IN BOSTON TODAY

BOSTON, March 26.—William H. Ames, son of the late Oliver Ames, governor of Massachusetts from 1887 to 1890, and a director in several corporations in this and other states, died at his home here today. He was 57 years old. Mr. Ames' country home was at North Easton, where he was president and trustee of the North Easton Savings bank. He had been ill only a few days.

Big Wednesday Sale

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Easter Eggs Faney Fresh Western, doz **38c**

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Fresh Made BUTTER First shipment Best Elgin Creamery Butter fresh from churn, lb. **43c**

Best Large No. 1 Potatoes, 15 lb. pk. 29c

BEST PURE LARD, Pound	27c	PORK SHOULDERS, Pound	19c
FLAKE WHITE COMPOUND, Pound	25c	SLICED LIVER, Pound	7c
THICK SALT PORK, Pound	25c	SOUP BONES, fresh and meaty, Pound	10c
PORK LOINS to Roast, Pound	22c	PORK BUTTS, Pound	22c

RUMP STEAK lb. 22c

SAUNDERS Lowell's Leading Market

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Corp. Jack Donovan wrote to the late Jim Hearn of The Sun staff on Washington's birthday and the letter has just been received in Lowell. It is a characteristically breezy account of the doings of the boys "over there" told in the man to man style of one who is experiencing the thrills of the great events now going on. Corp. Donovan did not know of the death of Mr. Hearn at the time he wrote:

France, Feb. 22, 1918.

Dear Jim: Today being a holiday for us over here, we had arranged a ball game, but the elements stepped in and put the kibosh on it. At the present writing—2 p. m.—it is raining and blowing just the same as you will get it next month at home.

Capt. Pelletier has left us on some important railroad conference with the big railroad men of Europe. We don't know where he has gone. He made a short speech to the company the day he left but he did not give us an inkling when he would return; he hoped that when he did return there would be no one in the guard house—especially from Co. B—and you can bet we will do our best to keep out.

Lieut. Charles Ferguson of our company will be in charge of the unit. Lieut. Ferguson is a Boston boy and looks to be about 25 years of age. His father, I understand, saw service in China during the Boxer uprising. He now has some official position on the Boston & Maine railroad. Jim, I wish you could see the young lieutenant drill the men in the morning. We drill for half an hour and in that time he gives us all the commands that are in the manual. We are in full marching order and drill just the same as the regular army. He is a fine built young fellow and while a strict disciplinarian, he is, nevertheless, a most lovable boy or, as you would say, a regular guy.

Lieut. Rourke, another one of our young officers, is not with the company now. He was called away for good some time ago. I suppose he is with the infantry. Lieut. Rourke is a Boston & Maine boy. He signed up as a dispatcher. His father is connected in some official capacity with the B. & M. Lieut. Collamer of Boston has taken Lieut. Rourke's place. He seems a fine young man and acts like a boy who knows his number both in the railroad and military game. Corp. Billy McElroy of the grove district of Lowell is another boy that is making good. Billy has charge of all the gasoline tractors of our railroad and from hearsay Billy is there with the goods. He can also run a locomotive when necessary.

Corp. Tommy Baxter has a new title. He is now travelling conductor of our company. Tommy has just come back to camp after a nine days' business trip. He tells me many interesting stories of his trip but you will have to wait until you see him to get the facts as the censor would not let them get by. Tommy is looking good although he had a hard job getting round.

Our guard now changes every 24 hours—Co. C one day, B the next, etc. Believe me, it is no cinch. You are on post two hours and off four and you are supposed to sleep with all your clothes on. I was on permanent guard for five months but it was fixed so that it was more like a policeman's position than a guard in the army.

Ernest Duval of our company has just arrived after being away from us for six months. Ernest is a carpenter and his home is in Canaan, N. H. He wants it known that he expects Lowell to be his home when he gets back to the states. Ernest has a friend over in Gershom avenue so you see there is a reason.

If we stay over here much longer I think many of the boys will bring a new lingo home with them—part French part English and part the language of the people of Northern India. When the boys meet a native of this country they say: "Comment allez-vous?" When they meet the Hindoos it is: "Sa-laam-sa-hib?" meaning "How do you do?" I can't understand the Indians at all. Horseshoer Jack Kennedy is quite proficient in that language. It is funny to hear some of the boys talking; they will mix the English, French and Hindoo and when I come along I will give them a little Irish. So you can see that if we keep up this lingo, you at home won't understand us when we get back.

The last couple of weeks we have been doing a good deal of salvaging of railroad iron and the American boys have them all beaten as far as strength goes. Three husky Americans can carry the same piece of iron that it takes 15 Hindoos to look after. And they come back and get two more while the other fellows are still struggling with their first one. Those Indians, Jim, are cunning fellows and very hardy. They pick up our language quickly and you can see very plainly by their actions that they keep the "cops" busy in their home town. Some of them are hard nuts and will take a chance at anything. And no matter what you tell them they will repeat it perfectly. You know the boys don't give them any church hymns to repeat and no matter whom they meet—officer or private—they will repeat those choice sayings that we hear in all large cities. But they, like all the other races over here, adore the Americans. JACK.

Private William Broderick

Private William B. Broderick of Battery F writes the following interesting letter to Mr. William Maguire of 2 Davis square:

March 1, 1918.

Dear Friend: Just a few lines to let you know that Shaw and I are both well and happy. I thank you for your package; believe me, Bill, I was delighted when I received it. I had just run out of smokes and you can't imagine what it means to be without smokes over here.

Who started that rumor about Shaw being in the hospital? All he had was a little cold. I thought I would meet Lon when we moved from our training camp, but instead of that we landed on the firing line and I know that Co. M is up there also. Well, all, you can bet that the boys from old Lowell will give a good account of themselves.

It's quite exciting around here; we can hear the guns booming all the time. Shaw and I are drivers and are in camp about two miles from the guns. We have to drive up at night with ammunition and supplies. It seems funny at first to hear the German shells whistling over our heads. No one has been hurt yet. There are plenty of aeroplanes around here and we watch the French trying to bring down the German planes. It's pretty hard to get them, because they stay away up high.

Well, Bill, it sure will be a great pleasure to be back home again and have some good times with the boys. We'll all have some great stories. I suppose it's pretty lonesome around the corner now with all the gang gone away. Tell the boys they should come over here and buy some champagne. Believe me, it's great stuff.

Did you ever see a trench rat, Bill? Well, the boys here claim they are big enough to put a saddle on. They don't bother us much except by squealing and running all around our bunks.

I will have to quit for now. Give my best regards to all the boys and any of my friends you chance to meet. Also remember me to my friends in the shop. Shaw sends his regards to you and all the boys. Wishing you the best of luck and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Your sincere friend,
WILLIAM BRODERICK.

Wilmer A. Dragon

Clerk Wilmer A. Dragon, formerly on the staff of the Courier-Citizen, but now in the press section of the Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, has sent an interesting letter to Chief Edward F. Saunders of the local fire department. All of the members of the branch are newspapermen and Wilmer states that it seems like home to be among his fellow pencil pushers and typists.

His letter is as follows:

Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, General Staff Press Section.
March 5, 1918.

Dear Chief Saunders:—

Your very pleasing letter of January 31st reached me but a few moments ago and just as a testimonial to my appreciation I am writing this immediate reply.

I am happy to inform you that I am in excellent health, even better than ever, and that the work is very agreeable. I am once more a reporter, now in the press section of the headquarters of the American expeditionary forces. We are all newspapermen in this branch and it seems like home. However, I do not cover fires and therefore need not rush out to the nearest corner and attempt to skip a ride to the scene with you. I certainly would envy that privilege again but we must first settle this war problem right here and now.

Yes indeed Sir. I consider this experience worth considerable to me and I am making the most of it. We are all, in fact, devoting ourselves to the cause and there need be no doubt as to the outcome of the war. Germany will be beaten, and beaten right. It is but a question of time and we all feel that time is nothing so what can prevent your and my ultimate victory.

While reading through the copies of the papers I read with much interest the story relative to the fire at the Hanson stables in Rock street. The department apparently handled the situation in fine manner and I have always felt that Lowell has a fire department which its residents should be proud of. The severe winter and plentiful snow must have handicapped the department to some extent.

Your fuel scarcity has been due, I believe, to the extraordinary demand for shipping. Surely shipping is a vital matter and if the United States wishes to make this a quick job the folks necessarily will find these little pinches in supplies now and then.

Over here in France, considering the long period of warfare, the folks are in excellent shape and our coming has proven not only an increase in courage but to such an extent that there is admiration and astonishment at the rapidity and thoroughness of our preparations. I have had the pleasure of seeing one of our important motor truck supply trains and those trucks are simply the finest that America can produce. A special Locomobile engine with body built by the Brill Car Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia makes a combination which can't be approached.

I will be pleased to hear from Geo. McDermott and you may assure him that I will write him a prompt reply. Kindly give my best regards to Jerry also as well as Captain Merrill and other friends in the department.

In closing this letter which I hope you will forgive its monotony, due principally to the censorship rules, I wish to extend my best wishes to you and Mrs. Saunders for continued good health and happiness. I remain

Very sincerely W. A. DRAGON.

With Aero Squadron

E. J. Barrett, who is with the 140th Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Forces, "Somewhere in England, writes as follows to his father, Mr. James Barrett of 2 Tyler street:

"Somewhere in England, Mar. 4, 1918.

Dear Father—No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me, but I know that you are anxiously awaiting this letter. I am in very good health and enjoy life here in this foreign country. Hope all are well at home and I assure you I would dearly love to be there. I had a splendid time the few days I was home and I arrived back in camp safe and sound.

I had a very fine trip and I certainly did enjoy being on the water. I would like to tell you a lot about my experience since I was home, but the censor would not allow it. Bunker and I are still together. We were transferred into the 140th Aero Squadron and I am well pleased with my new associates.

I wish you would write quite often, as it takes about a month for a letter to come here. Let me know about the allotment and insurance policy. Would like to have The Sun sent to me right along. Also send me some cigarets each week and a little candy. Give all my friends my address and tell them I think it is fine over here.

Well, father, I think this will be all for now. Please answer this right away. Remember me to Billie Morse. Don't worry about me as I will be home soon and all will be well. With lots of love and good luck for all at home, I remain,

Your loving son, E. J. BARRETT,
140th Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Force, Via Postmaster, N. Y.

Corp. Peterson

Corp. R. G. Paterson who is in France with Battery F, writes the following interesting letter to his wife in this city:

Feb. 19, 1918.

My Dear Wife: Just a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living, but lucky to be so. I hope that you are still in good health and not doing any worrying.

Well, we had a lively time yesterday. All the U. S. and French guns for miles around started to bombard the German lines and kept it up all night and day. The din was enough to deafen any one. The Hun planes came over here to try to locate some of the batteries, but were soon driven off. The Germans came back with a barrage fire. We watched the shells bursting all around, then we heard the hum of a Hun plane, the lights went out and all the men took cover. A few minutes later we heard four reports that shook the place up. They had dropped four bombs about 300 yards in front of us injuring no one and doing no damage. This is the second time that we fooled them in a week, but the men who took the supplies up to the gun crews were not so fortunate. There were shells bursting all around them; two of the horses were wounded and one later died. Not a man was injured, though. We have just heard that some of the boys in the infantry have been killed in the trenches in front of us. One of them I knew. His name was Quirk and his brother worked with me in the Cartridge shop. If this is true, ask Eddie Kelly to tell Jack that I send my deepest sympathy to himself and family on their loss.

Last night we had to take the ammunition up to the front. When we got to the ammunition dump we could not draw any because the Huns had been shelling the place, so we had to go to a new dump about a mile past the position that the battery occupies and only a mile from the Hun trenches. And what a place! The field that we had to go into was full of shell holes, so you can imagine what sort of a time we had avoiding the holes at 12 o'clock at night. It was pitch dark and we did not know at what time a shell would drop on us, but we got out safely and delivered the shells on the battery O.K.

The front has been quiet these last two days and nights. My section went up to the front with food and supplies for the gun crews last night, our chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Stackpole, going with us. We are all pleased to see him at any time, so after a short time with the boys at the front, he came back with us and stayed for the night. He gave us a short sermon the next morning.

Well, today was mail day, but there was nothing for me. It is over a month since I had any letter from you; still, I was not the only one that was disappointed, quite a few others receiving none. The guns over here have started to roar again, so I guess I'd better close before I am forced to. Remember me to all my friends. With fondest love, from your loving husband. BOB.

Private Sullivan

District Chief James C. Sullivan of the local fire department has received an especially interesting letter from his nephew, Private James E. Sullivan, who is in France with the 101st Engineers. Private Sullivan is the son of the late Michael Sullivan who was killed by a Bleachery auto truck a year ago last October. Only seven weeks before that Private Sullivan's mother had died. A brother, William Sullivan, is now employed in the Bleachery, but he, too, is awaiting the call for service because he comes under the jurisdiction of the national army. To add to the significance of the little family drama of patriotism and unfortunateness is the fact that three sisters of Private Sullivan are living in Lowell and the oldest of these is but 18 years of age. William Sullivan is already doing his bit to maintain the bereft family and it is wondered if it would be just on the part of the government to call him for service when one brother is already in the thick of the fray "over there." The letter in part follows:

Feb. 24, 1918.

Dear Uncle Jim: Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and I hope these few lines will find you all the same. I received your welcome box and I was glad to get it. It came just in time for I was all out of cigarets and it was just what I wanted. I wrote you a letter from the last town I was in. I don't know whether you received it or not. I received a letter from Gladys last week and she told me that they were all well. I see by the paper that you are having severe cold weather over there. We had a cold spell over here and it was "some" cold, too.

This is a great town. We have to sleep in dugouts and the rats are as big as some of our mules. We have been up here at the front for the last two weeks. There is a lot of work for us to do. I have been doing carpenter work. I don't mind that.

We can't spend much money here. There is not much left of the place where we are now. The Germans were through here during the first part of the war. But the French came back and drove them out. We had an air fight here last week between three French planes and a German plane. The French shot the German down. It happened about 100 yards from where we were. They were about 1000 feet in the air when it happened and we could see it good. There was not much left of the German or the plane.

I hear we are to stay up here 30 days and then go back of the lines for a 30 days' rest. I hope so. There is no one left in this town but the French and American soldiers. It was some place in its day. You would not think so if you could see it now, though.

I suppose there are lots of soldiers in Lowell now. I see some of the Lowell boys of other companies once in a while. Today is Sunday, but it is just like every other day here. We have to do our work just the same. We are not a great way from Paris. I have not had a chance to go to see it yet, but I hope to do so before I get back home. Well, uncle, I think I will have to stop writing for it is near mess time and I cannot miss that. I have told you all I can think of for now. Hoping again that everybody is well, I remain as ever. JIM.

Private Bernard

Here's a rip-roaring, blood and thunder letter from Private Charles A. Bernard of the Machine Gun company of the 101st Infantry to his mother, Mrs. Peter Bernard of 18 Pleasant street. Kindly note the matter-of-business date line:

Somewhere in the Front Line trenches,
Feb. 23, 1918.

Dear Mother: Just a few lines to let you know that I am fine and hope that you and father and the rest of the folks are the same. Well, mother, this is some place where I am writing this letter. The German shells are flying over my head and, believe me, for every one that flies over my head, our boys are sending 10 back. All around us there are dead Germans buried and some of them are sticking half way out of the ground. It is nothing to see a dead German's leg or arm sticking out of the side of a trench and every time you pass him you brush up against it.

The other morning one of our boys went over the top and he saw a German buried with his hand sticking up. He went over and shook hands with him. It is nothing to see aeroplanes fight around here. We see them every day and, believe me, it is some sight. A few nights ago when we were being relieved, six of us got lost in No Man's Land and we had to sleep in a shell hole all night and in the morning when it got light we found our way all right. It was some job. We were covered with mud.

Outside of that I am all right. They

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Should come from a conscientious dentist who gives you his personal interest. Dental necessities vary as much as weather. Your greatest need may be to remove discoloration, or prevent further decay.

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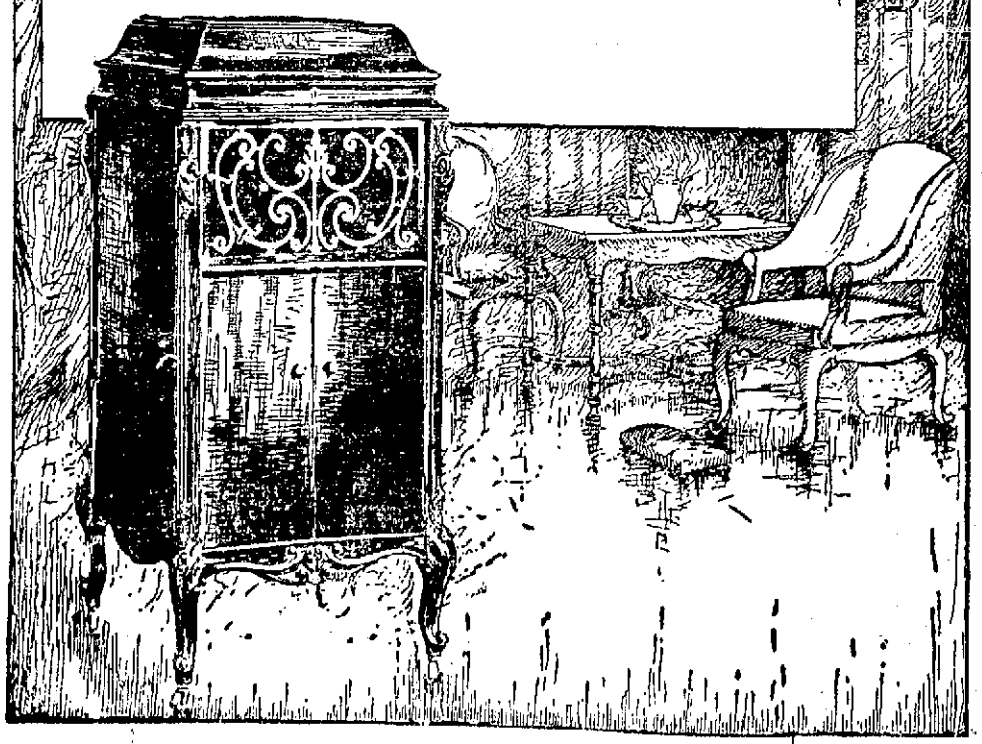
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INTERESTING LETTERS
Continued

feed us very good here. It is kind of hard to get around, but we manage to do it.

How is papa? Tell him not to worry about me for I will take good care of myself and expect to see you all pretty soon. The day I get home I will keep you up all night telling you all that happened and, believe me, it will be a story without end.

Well, mother, don't forget to write often and tell me all about the old place. Give my regards to everybody. I will close hoping to hear from you soon. I remain your loving son,

CHARLIE.

Corp. Al. Hutton.

Corp. Al D. Hutton, a Lawrence man originally, later an employe of The Sun and now on his biggest job of all, writes as follows from "over there," where he is sojourning with Battery C of Lawrence:

Somewhere in France.
Feb. 25, 1918.

Dear Ed: (That doesn't mean editor) I received the box of cigarets that you sent. I thank you very much for being so kind and thoughtful. You fellows are very good and I shall never forget it. I received the box last night and while I am writing you this note I am smoking one of the cigarets and it does taste good.

We are now in action in one of the French fronts and are doing our best to protect our sector. We live in dugouts in the ground much like the caveman. Yesterday the Huns bombarded us, but we ran into our dugouts and only one man was slightly wounded. He was a French soldier and received a shrapnel wound in the face. It is a rough game, Ed. They are constantly throwing things at us and we throw things at them in return. Of course, we are all confident of defeating them eventually. At home we used to say that fighting was bad for the eyes, but over here we say it is bad for the arms and legs. I haven't a great deal more to write about just now, Ed, so I am afraid that I will have to close my note, but I will write again to let you know how we are getting along. Again I thank you and all the fellows on The Sun for their kindness toward me. I think you are all very good.

Gratefully yours,
AL D. HUTTON.

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ENGLAND SENDS NEW ARMY

LONDON, March 26.—In a message to Field Marshal Haig, David Lloyd George, the British premier, says that the men necessary to replace those lost are either now in France or already on their way.

All guns will be replaced and still further reinforcements of men and guns are read to enter the battle. The premier's message follows:

"The British cabinet wishes to express to the army the nation's thanks for its splendid defense. The whole empire is filled with pride as it watches the heroic resistance offered by its brave troops to overwhelming odds.

"Knowing their steadfastness and courage whenever the honor of their country depends on their valor, the empire awaits with confidence the result of this struggle to defeat the enemy's last desperate effort to trample down the free nations of the world.

"At home we are prepared to do all in our power to help in a true spirit of comradeship. The men necessary to replace all casualities and cannon and machine guns required to make good all those lost are either now in France or already on their way, and still further reinforcements of men and guns are ready to be thrown into the battle."

CAMP DEVENS SHELLS SHAKE COUNTRYSIDE

CAMP DEVENS, Ayer, March 26.—"The only way I felt, was sorry that there weren't a thousand Germans over yonder on the hill," smiled Corp. Earl J. Place of Battery C, 302d Field Artillery, a stocky little Newport, Vt., machinist, who yanked the lanyard at 9.45 yesterday morning and sent the first shell of the 76th division whistling away to destruction. Within 10 seconds three more pieces had boomed away, so near together that it was more a volley than a salvo.

The countryside shook. At the mouth of each gun there was a flash like the glimpse of a summer sunrise. A cloud of leaves and twigs and dust volcanoed in front of each carriage. The guns eased forward with the shot, recoiled wickedly and the trails ground into the mud.

The firing point was on a hillside in Harvard. Below was a valley. On the other hills were Shirley and Lancaster. The echo visited every town in the circumference of hills and came reverberating back to the gunners just as little puffs of white smoke rose in quick succession from a clump of woods a mile and a half away.

It was spectacular and noisy enough. Not even a taste of what has been going on in France for the last few days and yet thundering enough for the heart of New England untouched by realities of war. Barracks in some parts of camp trembled.

Vermont Artillerymen Proud

But the real thumping sensation of the day was in the breasts of the men of the Green Mountain state; the 1st battalion of the 302d Field Artillery, almost all Vermonters, and they didn't want anyone to forget it. Battery C men insisted they had been chosen to stage this epoch because theirs was "the best battery in the whole division."

Mounted scouts scoured the whole miles of firing area to see that no botanist was out looking for spring wildflowers. A huge white flag was hoisted on Shirley hill, not so far from the Industrial school, indicating that the coast was clear.

Brig.-Gen. William S. McNair watched the guns being placed. Col. Daniel F. Craig, commanding the 302d, and scores of officers of the brigade searched for the targets with field glasses. Colonel Arthur S. Conklin of the 303d and Col. George M. Brooks of the 301st joined the gallery, but not even colonels could come along the road to the range without facing a peremptory challenge.

Two "Almost" Hits

Preparations were as big as the occasion. There must have been a run on cotton batting at the 302d canteen. Ears were stuffed and those on the sidelines looked like a "hear-no-evil" set of persons when the first orders warned them.

There were two almost hits during the forenoon of about 30 rounds at each guns. Targets were simulated guns and trenches at distances varying from 2400 to 4500 yards. The observation lessons for officers proved quite as necessary as the serving lessons for the non-coms.

The chiefs of section, gunners and No. 1 men of the four guns were in order by guns: Sergt. Buell Brewster of Cambridge, Vt.; Corp. Wilbur Duquette of Barre, Vt., Corp. Place; Sergt. Henry St. Pierre of Williamstown, Vt., Sergt. Earl Horton of Albion, Ill., Sergt. Leon J. Mayo of Windsor, Vt., Sergt. H. M. Hunt of Windsor, Vt., Corp. Wm. J. Walsh of North Bennington, Vt., Corp. J. P. Fitzsimmons of Rutland, Vt., Sergt. A. L. Marshall of New Bedford, Corp. Roay Gravais and Corp. Raymond Shaw of Sheffield, Vt.

New Stunt at Officers' School

The 1st company of the Officers' Training school staged something new yesterday. In the floor of another valley not far from the range near Camp Devens' Vimy Ridge, squads of the Capt. Alex Smith's company crept over the terrain as if they were walking on eggs, spied silhouette targets, dropped flat on the ground, squirmed and wriggled to position and opened fire. It was the first combat firing in camp.

Maj. W. H. Neill of the 303d Infantry has been relieved of duty with this division and assigned to the 313 cavalry at Del Rio, Tex.

Maj. Charles S. Wentworth of Boston has been placed in command of the Headquarters Train, formerly commanded by Lieut. Col. Sillman, transferred to the general staff. Maj. Wentworth was commander of the motor section of the ammunition train.

Private, Carl S. Ward, former reporter on the Christian Science Monitor, was yesterday transferred from the Depot Brigade to headquarters company of the 301st Infantry.

CORP. BILL LOONEY WRITES FROM CAMP WADSWORTH, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Corp. "Bill" Looney, of the 4th Pioneer Regiment band, formerly the Sixth Regiment band, who is now located at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., has sent an interesting letter to The Sun. It is very descriptive and, needless to say, bits of humor are injected here and there, for leave it to "Bill," he is a wit of the first water and when any of the boys get the blues "Bill" is the real gloom-chaser. He is enjoying good health and has seen considerable of the eastern part of the country since leaving here nearly a year ago.

He writes as follows:

March 20, 1918.

"Friend Marty—I receive The Lowell Sun every day and read with great interest all the letters from the Lowell boys in the service overseas. I was much surprised that some of the Lowell boys down here have not written about this camp. We had a dandy trip from Camp Greene to this place and enroute we came to a small place called Lowell, N. C., and I wish you could have heard the warwhoop that came from the Lowell, Mass., bunch when they saw the familiar name of Lowell. It did seem good just to see the name. The place looked about the size of Manchester street and about as lively.

"We arrived in Spartanburg at 10 o'clock at night and had a delightful (?) hike to our new quarters. We reached there at midnight and it is needless to state that we slept sound that night. We have dandy iron cot beds and I can tell you that it is a big improvement over the canvas cots. We are up in the mountain section among the pines and have a fine location. This camp has Camp Greene beaten a thousand ways. We are located between the old 5th Massachusetts, now the 3d Pioneer, and the old 74th New York, now the 55th Pioneer. The camp is composed mostly of New York regiments and, believe me, they are a fussy bunch. They have all kinds of athletic events. Last Friday night we went out and listened to Frank Moran, the heavy weight pugilist, give a talk on training. He is the boxing instructor at this camp. They had some classy bouts. "Babe" Rogers has challenged Moran and the band is chipping in for the flowers. We have been having regular summer weather and our ball team has played against teams from the Maine, Conn., Signal Corps and the 3d Pioneer teams and the band has played at all games. We have moving pictures five nights a week and the bands alternate playing for them. There are a lot of colored people here and they come to the camp for the boys' laundry. Every day some colored lady will come to the tent and say "any laun-dray?" They are reasonable in their prices, 15 cents for shirts not laundered. Sergt. Baker had some work done by them and he says the shirts fit like a necktie.

"I had a pass to go to Spartanburg, Saturday, and it is some town; looks very much like Haverhill, Mass., but not so large, but a great deal more lively. New York people have invaded the place and opened all kinds of stores. We went for a hike yesterday and passed through a small place called Arcadia. All the way on the hike one saw farmers plowing and I wish you could see the mules. C. H. Hanson or Mike Senecal wouldn't give a dollar for the whole lot. The livestock down here is all on the narrow gauge model. The cows look as though they were kept in folding beds. The people look more healthy than the Charlotte folks, but they don't move or talk any faster. There are some fine buildings here, and the Cleveland hotel is a beauty. In the centre of the town is a fine statue of the late Gen. Daniel Morgan.

"There is one pleasing feature when one visits any town, the older darkies always take off their hats to us and if we are not in company formation we always recognize it with some pleasant remark.

"Please excuse me for changing my letter for I just received a copy of The Lowell Sun of March 11th and looking over the article 'Lowell's Part in the War,' I notice that the 6th Regiment band is among the missing in the list. We were called out on March 30, 1917, and left Lowell for Framingham, April 19, and are still doing active duty with what remains of that good old Sixth regiment and expect to do out 'bit' whether it be here or overseas. I do not know the lady who compiled that article or how she missed our band in that list. But I do know that we have been out almost a year and have been in eight different camps since leaving Lowell. Some of our former members in Lowell have children attending the different schools who could write a very interesting essay on what they have heard from their parents. Hoping that you will notify the office of our headquarters in Lowell that we would like very much to be recognized with Companies C, G and K of the old Sixth, now the 4th Pioneer regiment, I remain,

"Yours very much in the service,
"CORP. W. H. LOONEY,
"Camp Wadsworth,
"Spartanburg, S. C.,
"4th Pioneer Regt. Band."

"P. S.—I wish you would kindly extend the thanks of the boys of the band and the regiment to the following for cigars, cigarets and tobacco: Sam Scott, Michael Markham, Joseph H. Buckley and Thomas P. Boulger."

EXPECT ENEMY ALIENS IN THE ARMY TO BE IN THE CAVALRY

CAMP DEVENS, March 26.—A new disposition of enemy aliens now in the army is forecasted in an order asking that the names of all such men whose loyalty is unquestioned and who are available for cavalry service be turned in to headquarters.

Many enemy aliens who did not want to serve in the American army were discharged a few weeks ago. Those who wanted to serve, even if only allowed to serve in non-combatant branches, remained here. Some of these are Germans who have been for eight or ten years in the American army and who have grieved ever since the order came out taking away their guns. They had taken out only their first papers.

The opinion here is that they may be used for cavalry service in this country.

FEAR GERMAN AIR RAID ON NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 26.—Relief work which might be required in the event of an air raid on New York was planned at a meeting of doctors, nurses and police officials yesterday at the headquarters of the health department.

Police Commissioner Enright announced that several units of surgeons, nurses and helpers had been formed in case of emergency, and that bomb shelters would soon be provided in schoolhouses and other places.

The trans-Atlantic trips of German submarines, the presence of super-submarines on the high seas and the alleged invention of airplanes with folding wings that can be carried aboard such craft were assigned as reasons why the conference was called to discuss protective measures.

Capt. A. Wells Ingram of London, now attached to the American Red Cross, who advised Commissioner Enright to prepare for possible raids, declared at the meeting that the possibility Germany might attack New York from the air was "no joke."

MULTI-MILLIONAIRES

30 Americans' Combined Fortunes Total $3,680,000,000

Forbes Magazine has compiled a list of the 30 richest Americans, and declares it the most complete list ever published. The combined fortunes of the 30 total $3,680,000,000, and the average individual fortune is $122,666,666. Not one of the 30 has less than $60,000,000.

The total annual income of the 30 is figured at $184,000,000, of which John D. Rockefellers share is computed at $60,000,000, or almost half as much as the other 29 put together.

The average income of these multimillionaires is $6,133,133. The smallest income is estimated at $2,500,000 a year.

The list follows:

John D. Rockefeller—Estimated fortune, $1,200,000,000; yearly income, $60,000,000; chief source, oil.

H. C. Frick—$225,000,000; $11,250,000; coke, steel.

Andrew Carnegie—$200,000,000; $10,000,000; steel.

George F. Baker—$150,000,000;; $7,500,000; banking.

William Rockefeller—$150,000,000; $7,500,000; oil, railroads.

Edward S. Harkness—$125,000,000; $6,250,000; oil.

J. Ogden Armour—$125,000; $6,250,000; packing.

Henry Ford—$100,000,000; $5,000,000; automobiles.

W. K. Vanderbilt—$100,000,000; $5,000,000; railroads.

Ed. H. R. Green—$100,000,000; $5,000,000; banking.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman—$80,000,000; $4,000,000; railroads.

Vincent Astor—$75,000,000; $3,750,000; real estate.

James Stillman—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; cotton banking.

Thomas F. Ryan—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; traction, tobacco.

Daniel Guggenheim—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; mining, smelting.

Charles M. Schwab—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; steel.

J. P. Morgan—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; banking.

Mrs. Russell Sage—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; banking.

Cyrus H. McCormick—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; farm machinery.

Joseph Widener—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; traction.

Arthur Curtis James—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; mining, railroads.

Nicholas F. Brady—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; traction.

Jacob H. Schiff—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; banking.

James B. Duke—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; tobacco.

George Eastman—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; cameras.

Pierre S. du Pont—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; powder.

Louis F. Swift—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; packing.

Julius Rosenwald—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; mail orders.

Mrs. Lawrence Lewis—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; oil.

Henry Phipps—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; steel.

Total—Estimated fortunes, $3,680,000,000.

THE RED CROSS GIVES GAS MASK DRILLS ALMOST EVERY DAY

Almost every person near the front in France is carrying a gas mask. You are taught to adjust it in six seconds.

It is a very uncomfortable affair, having a clothespin-like arrangement on the inside that pinches your nose so that you cannot breathe through it and there is a nozzle which goes into your mouth and through which you must get your air.

It is almost unbelievable that men can fight with these things on, especially as it is almost impossible to speak while wearing one.

At the Red Cross hospitals instructions are given almost every day on how to adjust these masks quickly and after one becomes proficient in their rapid adjustment, one is taken into a dark room filled with gas and made to walk at least 50 feet.

A number of grewsome stories are told of this room.

For instance, if your mask is not adjusted perfectly you are apt to get a dash of this gas, which is not deadly but very uncomfortable and men have been known to go mad from fright, thinking the gas was deadly, and pull the protection away from their faces so that they had to be dragged out by the attendants.

IDAH McGLONE GIBSON.

ROGER HOAR

Concord Lawyer Enlists In U. S. Heavy Artillery

BOSTON, March 26.—Roger Sherman Hoar of Concord, a well-known Boston attorney and formerly assistant attorney-general of Massachusetts, has enlisted in the United States heavy artillery as a private and is now stationed at Fort Warren in Boston harbor. Announcement of his enlistment reached many of his Boston friends and associates yesterday.

Mrs. Hoar and their two children, Caroline, 3 years old and Sherman, a baby a year old, are at the home of her parents in Edgartown. Private Hoar is a grand nephew of the late United States Senator George F. Hoar of Worcester. His home is on Belknap street, Concord.

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Sizes 8 to 13½, gun metal blucher or button shoes $1.98
Sizes 8 to 13½, satin calf blucher or button—if you don't want them others will at..... $1.49
Scout Shoes for little boys, black or tan elk uppers and elk soles $1.98

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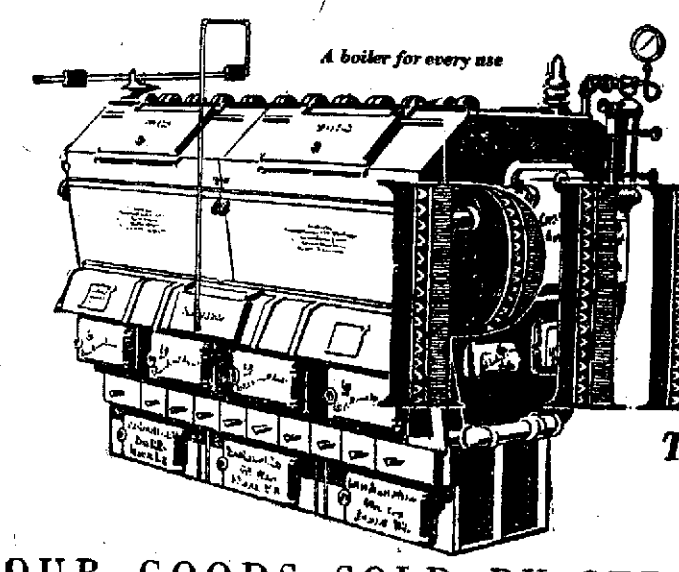
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TEUTON DRIVE CHECKED

The Huns have made slight advances since yesterday at terrible cost. The British resistance is stiffening, the enemy drive is slowing down and every step in advance has been gained only at terrible cost. Premier Lloyd George announces that an army with full equipment is either in France now, or on its way, to reinforce General Haig's forces. The enemy has been obliged to turn southward instead of continuing towards Amiens, but in that sector General Petain marches to attack the Teuton flank. The British line on the north resisted all attacks and made counter attacks that caused the enemy to move further south. The British line appears to be intact at all points and where it gave way, it yielded only to overwhelming numbers, in some cases the odds being three or four to one. The losses have been heavy on both sides, but the enemy losses are undoubtedly several times as great as those of the allies. With an army of reserves hastening from England to reinforce General Haig and General Petain attacking the enemy's flank on the south, it is quite probable that the advance will soon be blocked.

As yet, despite the tremendous forces used in the great drive, the enemy has taken only two-thirds of the barren waste devastated by the last German retreat.

London seems quite confident that Haig will be able to stop the drive and General Wood at Washington is of the same opinion. Despite the fact that the battle still goes on, the situation has not undergone any material change in the last 24 hours. The Teutons thus far have gained no strategic advantage.

FOR LIBERTY DAY

April 6 is to be Liberty day. Get ready to observe it in real patriotic fashion. We may observe the day by speech-making and the usual public parades with cheers and with prayers, but will that help in the real object which is to aid our government in winning the war?

Our boys are fighting in France and there is urgent need of other contingents, but while those at home have not to risk the dangers of the battle-front, yet they can do much to bring about the success of the men who occupy the trenches and the defeat of the enemy.

In order to make the observance of Liberty day a success, it is necessary for every man and woman in the United States who can afford the money to invest in Liberty bonds. Even those who have not the necessary money at the present time can buy the bonds and pay for them by instalments. This is the first and most direct method of aiding our boys at the front. But there are many other things we can do to help. We can grow more food, and we can conserve more food. We can save more money. We can give of our time and energy to the building of ships, the making of munitions, the manufacture of uniforms, the mining of minerals. None of us can do all of those things, but none is there who cannot do at least one.

It is high time that everyone able to work realized that the folks at home have a most important duty to perform in helping to win the war. If we cannot send men to aid in the present great struggle on the western front, we can send food and other supplies that are urgently needed by the allies, who are our brothers in arms. We can also send money which some of the belligerent countries need very much. Let us start the great drive on Liberty day.

THE WISCONSIN MUDDLE

The political situation in Wisconsin is somewhat mixed. Lenroot, republican, ran as an out and out loyalty candidate for U. S. senator and as such defeated Thompson, the La Follette candidate, by 2500 votes at the primaries.

But Davies, the democratic candidate, comes forward with strong party endorsement as the opponent of Lenroot, who, it is alleged, voted in favor of the McLemore resolution, the aim of which was to prevent Americans traveling on merchant ships threatened by Germany. It was defeated 276 to 152. The fight over the resolution caused considerable bitterness, and it was generally assumed that those who favored the resolution were in sympathy with Germany, but many undoubtedly did so with the intention of averting war.

If loyalty is the test the people of Wisconsin can select even a better man than Lenroot, but as the German and socialist vote is quite strong in that state, a move against Lenroot may result in the election of Berger, the socialist candidate, who is under indictment for anti-loyalty. It is claimed that the pro-German republican vote plus the socialist vote was 34,592 more than the Lenroot vote in the primaries, so that there is a possibility that the state may choose a man even worse than La Follette.

THE WHEAT ORDER

Food Administrator Hoover has received an urgent appeal from France for more wheat and as a result he has cut down the ration in this country to one pound and a half per week for each person. That is considerably less than at present, but the people should comply with the new order without a murmur as if it were not necessary it would not have been issued.

If by using substitutes we can help glorious France or any of the allies, let us do it with a will. Mr. Hoover is doing the best he can to make the wheat meet the home demand and also that of the allies. We promised to give France wheat in exchange for field guns and other munitions. We are behind on our pledge. Let every loyal American stand by Hoover in making good our promise.

HOLLAND IS AFRAID

Holland finds it necessary to back down in her arrangement to part with her shipping to the United States in lieu of wheat and other supplies. This can be readily understood as due to the threats of Germany. The stipulations that the vessels should not be armed, nor carry war material, were also due to German influence.

The ship that, unarmed, risks meeting the kaiser's submarines is simply a fool running wild, and, in these days there is no such thing as a ship carrying no war material. The conditions were merely a few kind words for Wilhelm's perusal. And you cannot blame Holland. Wilhelm is her closest neighbor and has his guns trained on her.

Who is superintendent of the local street railway now? It looks as if the office went a begging. Walter Hickey found the difficulties too numerous to contend with. Lack of men and lack of good cars were not the only grievances and yet either one is sufficient to demoralize the service.

The Germans seem to believe that if they can defeat the British, they will win the war but they will be disappointed. They cannot defeat Haig's army and if they did, that would not win the war for them.

Germany is rushing her troops to slaughter by tens of thousands. Such is the power of German autocracy exercised by the military machine over the masses.

Our American forces have not been in the present drive. They will be in a drive later on, one of their own making against Germany.

Give the street railway six cent fare if they will give reasonably good service in return. The present conditions are intolerable.

SEEN AND HEARD

"What kind of fruit doth the kaiser and Hindenburg represent?" queried our interrogator.

"Give it up," said we.

"A rotten pair," said he.

One morning Mabel's mother gave her a bunch of grapes; when she got through eating them she gave the stem back saying: "Mother, put some more on here." Wasn't that just too cute for anything?

Papa in the 'Phone

When the late President Cleveland's daughter was quite young her father once telephoned to the White House from Chicago and asked Mrs. Cleveland to bring the child to the phone. Lifting the little one up to the instrument, Mrs. Cleveland watched her expression change from bewilderment to wonder and then to fear. It was surely her fathers voice—yet she looked at the telephone incredulously. After examining the tiny opening in the receiver, the little girl suddenly burst into tears. "Oh, mamma!" she sobbed "how can we ever get papa out of that little hole?"—London Tit-bits.

Advice to a Son

One of our city officials, who has a family is continually giving advice to his sons and daughters. Much of the advice is garnished with wise, homely but pertinent philosophy. The other evening he called one of his sons to him and engaged the young man in conversation in a fatherly fashion. The young man was an attentive, respectful listener.

Among other things the father said: "Son, I think you'd find it well to bear in mind one thing."

The father paused and the son inquired:

"Bear in mind what, father?"

"To mind your own business. Don't try to monkey with other people's buzz saws."—Yonkers Statesman.

The Third Strike

The kaiser has two strikes against him, and a cinder in his eye. Other times at bat the best he could do was pop foul balls.

This time up, we've got him guessing. The first Liberty loan strike we whizzed over before he knew it. He waited for a ball, on the second Liberty loan and it went over the old pan with so much smoke it blew off his tin fedora. Two strikes and two down.

Y' know the last lean straw the old bird has grabbed at for the next one? He figures Uncle Sam will make a balk, and he'll goosestep to first. Well, c'mon everybody! Get in on the big windup and steam the third Liberty loan strike across the platter so gad hap snorting, he'll even whiff and miss the echo.

Put everything you got on this ball!

EE Yow!

Let's Go!

Dog Provides Alibi

The collie is supposed to hold a good many records for intelligence in shepherding, but a West Bridgewater man never tires of telling the exploits of his grade Irish terrier, now in dog heaven. Particularly he likes to hark back to the time the dog's intelligence got him into trouble, and out of it.

The dog, the story goes, always followed directions, so specifically as regarded protecting the home that the family doctor once lost the most important part of his most important garment. "Go drive in the hens" always sent the dog scurrying about till every last pullet was rounded up, and there were 150 of them. Never, according to his master, did he include neighbors' hens with his flock. Those he singled out and sent home.

One day a neighbor came to the house and firmly demanded that the dog be killed. He had been chasing her hens, she said, and had bitten two. As she had been losing hens, she had no doubt the dog was a "killer."

"I'll be over Sunday and straighten it out," said the dog owner, giving instructions that his pet be kept in the house till then. On the appointed day he showed up with the dog.

"Will you let your hens out?" he asked. "I want to show you something."

The door was opened and the hens soon scattered over half an acre.

Meanwhile he made sure the neighbor had been trying to get her hens in when the dog "attacked" them.

"Go get the hens," his master told the dog. With misgivings, the neighbor saw him scurry round, gradually edging the flock back into their yard. With a few final dashes, he herded all but one through the door. Then he whined, hesitated, as if to say, "That's not our hen, you know," and looked towards his master.

"Go get her!" was the command. Like a shot he was off, to come back with the hen held lightly between his teeth. He deposited her, ruffled but unharmed, in the yard.

"Wal, I never!" said the neighbor, and dropped her complaint. "I may want to borrow him some day," she added.

For Crown and Throne

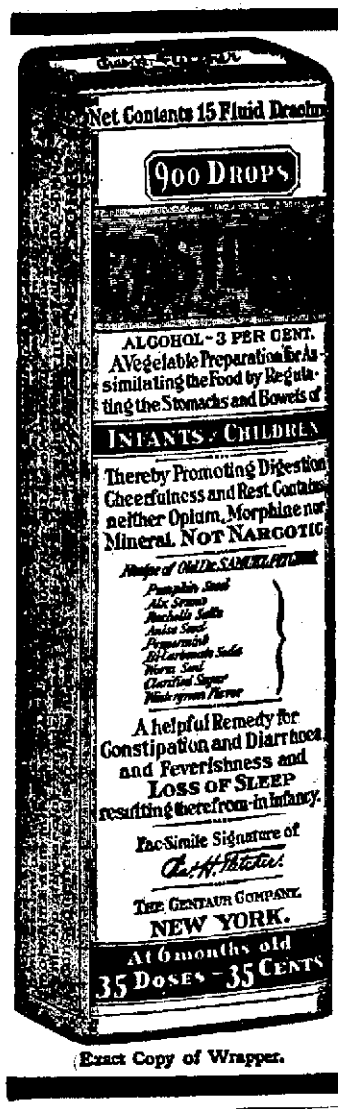
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I want to tell you my little romance,
A little romance of my own;
I have a soldier somewhere in France,
Who is fighting for crown and throne,
The crown of a woman's fearless smile
And the throne of a baby's chair
That each may last in the world their while
And befoul them, no Hun shall dare!

I do not know who my soldier is,
Nor does he know who am I,
But he knows full well that my faith is his
And he'll win for that faith, or die!
So I hark to his battle-cry all the while,
As it echoes from over there:
"For the crown of a woman's fearless smile!
And the throne of a baby's chair!"

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In addition to the best Soft Hats—from America's best makers, we have two imported lines—

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Soft Hats and Derbies—

$2.00 to $7.00

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FOOD SITUATION VERY SERIOUS IN MEXICO

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, March 26.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press—Food is so expensive and so difficult to obtain in Mexico, one of the most fertile countries in the world, that the poor are suffering want and even starvation while the more prosperous Mexicans find it difficult to provide sustenance for their families.

Prices of food in the United States, even if considered by American housewives to be high, are not to be compared with those prevailing in Mexico since the embargo was placed on the exportation of foodstuffs from the United States to neutral countries.

An opportunity to compare Mexican prices for staple articles with those obtaining in the United States is afforded by the following quotations from merchants here:

Sugar sells for 27 cents a pound, American money, and is very scarce at this price.

American butter brings 90 cents a pound, gold, and is the occasion for celebration in the Mexican homes when it can be obtained at this price. Butter is unknown among the poorer classes.

Flour sells for 16 cents a pound and is growing more expensive as the embargo restrictions are made more stringent. Little wheat bread is eaten by the middle and lower classes who use flour for making tortillas, a cake made of flour and water.

American brands of coffee sell as high as 75 cents a pound and are very scarce. Mexican green coffee brings 28 cents a pound and is roasted over charcoal fires as it is used.

Rice, used principally by the Chinese and Japanese living in Mexico, is worth 12 cents a pound.

Lard is another article which has more than doubled in price because of the American embargo. It brings 95 cents a pound when it can be obtained. The principal source of supply is the smuggler.

Beans, which are a staple food throughout Mexico and are eaten three times a day, sell for 10 cents a pound. This is the highest in the history of Mexico. The red frijole bean is much preferred to the American white navy bean.

No ham or bacon can be bought here at the present time. The last shipment received sold for $3 cents a pound.

Chile peppers, grown in all parts of Mexico, are the only foodstuff which has not increased in price. It sells for three cents a pound.

Small purchases are the rule in the small Mexican stores and shops. The centavo, or penny, formerly was the most used medium of purchase and exchange. It was not uncommon for children to ask for one cent's worth of sugar, lard or even flour. Because of the increased cost of such commodities the five-cent piece has taken the place of the cent as the most used medium.

Central markets supply vegetables, fresh and dried meats, and other commodities. The Chinese gardeners have obtained a monopoly of the green grocery business and they raise great quantities of vegetables on their well tended farms near this and other large cities. The Chinese also carry vegetables from place to place in big baskets suspended from a yoke which the peddler balances over his neck.

PURCHASE TOBACCO FOR LOWELL SOLDIERS WITH PROCEEDS OF "SOCK" SOCIAL

The members of General Ames camp, Spanish War Veterans, were the guests of the Edith Prescott Wolcott auxiliary, 3, U.S.W.V., at the annual meeting of the organization, which was held in Memorial hall last evening, and a feature of the reunion was the raising of a fund of $6 for tobacco for the Lowell boys in France. The event was known as a "Sock" social, for in the course of the evening socks of various sizes were distributed to those present and later a collection was taken, the amount received from each being according to the size of the sock.

The meeting was presided over by President Isabel M. Ellis and considerable business was transacted. The following delegates were appointed to represent the organization at the annual convention to be held in Boston April 18: Mrs. Nellie Farnam, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, Mrs. Bessie Barnes, Mrs. Margaret Bellamy and Miss Georgia McCoy. The alternates chosen were as follows: Miss Mary McBride, Mrs. Martha Blakely, Mrs. Jeanie Everett, Mrs. Mary Loucraft and Mrs. Ada Gilmore. At the close of the business session Mrs. Caroline Sarre, the past president of the organization, was presented a handsome past president's pin.

The entertainment was carried out in the upper hall and the numbers were as follows: Sounding of reveille, Scout Wilbur Roberts; "The Star Spangled Banner," the assembly; songs, Anthony Schwartz; cornet solo, Master Roberts; skirt dance, Miss Marie Dwyer; songs, Fred Lawton; readings, Scout Master Fred Timmins; Highland fling, Miss Mildred Boudreau; reading, Miss Dorothy Ellis.

WAGE INCREASES

BIDDEFORD, Me., March 26—Notices were posted in the Pepperell mills yesterday announcing an increase in wages beginning April 1 for the 4000 employes with no amount stipulated. Notices were also posted in the York mills, Saco, announcing an increase of 10 per cent. for the 2600 employes beginning April 1. Both corporations are employed on government contracts. This means an increase of over 60 per cent in wages since January, 1916.

WALK ERECT AT EIGHTY

Because a man or woman is old does not mean that they must walk along bent over and supported with a cane. A man can be as vigorous and healthy at eighty as at twenty if he aids the organs of the body in performing their functions.

All diseases whether of a malignant or weak character tend to tear away our vitality. You must counteract disease in its incipient stage if you would live a happy and useful long life.

GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules, a 200-year old preparation that is used all over the world, contains soothing oils combined with strength-giving and system-cleaning herbs. These capsules are a prescription and have been and are still being used by physicians in daily practice. They have proven their merit in relieving backache, kidney and bladder complaints and all ailments arising from an excess of uric acid in the system.

GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules are sold at all reliable druggists. They are guaranteed to do everything as claimed or money refunded. Don't be misled by false imitations. Look for GOLD MEDAL on every box.

You Can't Afford to Experiment With Foods Today

IN years gone by an occasional food waste caused housekeepers no great concern. Foods were plentiful—and cheap. A baking ruined by some inferior ingredient, for instance, or a "bargain" can or two of fruit or vegetables that spoiled and had to be thrown away, was of no very serious importance.

BUT in this period of insistent living costs, when housekeeping must be conducted on closest margins, when every expenditure must buy utmost value—it is too costly to experiment with foods of unknown origin and uncertain quality.

Best Known Values

INTELLIGENT economy consists not so much in buying at a price, as in knowing that the price buys the greatest measure of worth for the money.

There is a way in which you can be assured of this—a way to know you are getting full weight, topmost quality, definite, dependable value.

And that is to specify foods prepared and sold under the famous ARMOUR OVAL LABEL!

For this label is not only a trade-mark, but a grade-mark, establishing standardized quality—the final selection of the choicest of the whole immense Armour output. It marks not only the best of meat-products, but gives you a definite assurance of quality and dependability on many foods formerly unstandardized, such as canned fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese, sardines, salmon, rice and a host of others.

Under the Oval Label you can buy over 300 delectable, known-value food products, in variety and range to meet the needs of any meal from breakfast to banquet!

You are relieved of experimenting, because the Armour experts did all the experimenting before these foods were ever placed on the market.

Look for the Oval Label

ONE label, one grade, one quality—could anything be simpler? All you need to remember when buying is the ARMOUR OVAL LABEL—to secure the choicest yield of America's farms, orchards, vineyards and fisheries, prepared in sanitary plants, shipped under ideal temperature, and sold at fair prices.

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One odd leatherette divan at $33.00, that was $48.00.

A dainty divan for $10.00, special price. Mahogany finish frame and cushion seat, velvet covered.

For the dining room, parlor or chamber, we have many extra good value discontinued styles at very low prices.

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HUN LIES WIN VICTORIES!

A short time ago in a middle west city, an attractive young woman went from home to home, offering for sale a magazine.

Wherever she could gain admittance, she led the woman of the house into a lengthy conversation touching upon various subjects. Finally, however, she always turned the conversation to conditions in the training camps and barracks which she claimed to have just visited to arrange for the circulation of old magazines among the boys.

"I never was so hurt and shocked in all my life," she would tell the housewife in an awe-stricken tone.



"CONDITIONS ARE TERRIBLE"

"The boys are sleeping at night with no roofs over their heads; many are compelled to lie all night in the mud; hundreds are dying with pneumonia.

"Patriotism is all right, but this is too much for me.

"I think a woman is perfectly right to use every possible effort to get her boy or her friend's boy out of the service under conditions of this kind.

"It's not your fault or the boy's fault; it's the fault of rotten politics and graft. And we cannot allow politics and graft to ruin the young manhood of the nation."

Having cleverly sown her seed, the young woman then would pass on to the next house. Inside of a few hours the entire neighborhood was outraged over a terrible condition that never existed.

Mothers of boys who were about ready to enlist put their final stamp of "no" on the sons' request that they be allowed to do their bit.

Mrs. So-and-So called up Mrs. Such-and-Such and discussed the conditions with her, saying:

"A young woman—a very close friend of mine upon whose word I can absolutely depend—told me this. And she has been right there and has seen it. What do you think of that? I'm going to keep my boy out of it, and Mrs. B is, too. I think it's terrible."

In practically no time the words of the smiling young magazine agent had done irreparable disorganization work in one big residential district. Every hour it spread further over the city. It was enlarged upon by everyone whose lips it passed. Finally people began to call up the newspapers asking:

"It is true that 2000 of our boys have died of pneumonia at camp? Is it true that thousands of rough boxes have been taken into this camp and that six bodies at a time have been thrown into a box and then buried in a shallow grave? I was told it on good authority."

This smiling young woman still is passing merrily on her way somewhere in the United States.

By this time her story probably has changed. Undoubtedly it is a more serious story she is now telling.

Let us introduce the young woman. She is one of the good-looking members of the kaiser's immense propaganda system, one branch of the German spy system in this country. Her job is not a risky one, but she is able to do more damage in a detrimental way to Uncle Sam, than a nice big lot of Huns in a front line trench.

A prominent citizen of a large city recently has made this his "patriotic bit." A few days ago he heard of an elevator starter in a downtown building whom he understood was telling all the passengers and elevator boys a purely pro-German story.

The prominent citizen grabbed his hat and coat and hustled over to the building. Approaching the elevator starter, he exclaimed:



WHERE DID YOU GET THAT STORY?

"See here, young man, where did you get that story you are telling?"

Badly perturbed, the starter replied he had heard an old woman telling another woman in a street car on which he had ridden down-town that morning.

"Then you don't know that it's true?" the citizen demanded.

"No, sir."

"Well, then, young man," he continued, "you had better hustle about and tell every person with whom you have discussed this story that it is a lie—and do it quick. You might find yourself in jail for spreading pro-German talk like this."

With perspiration standing on his forehead, the elevator starter combed the building to do as he was told. The prominent citizen smiled a happy smile and went back to his office to wait for word of another propagandist at work.

Federal authorities still are somewhat at a loss as to whether the big East St. Louis riots, in which so many lost their lives and during which industry was at a standstill, was not conceived and carried out by pro-Germans. East St. Louis is one of the country's important railroad terminals. Foodstuffs, troops, cattle, horses and munitions pass in a continual stream through its yards. Large quantities of munitions are manufactured in its immediate vicinity. The tying up of East St. Louis greatly hampered government work and the transportation of munitions and food stuffs. It took the attention of large bodies of troops away from other work. It threw one city in terror and accomplished the exact end toward which one class of German propagandist now is working.

Large numbers of secret service agents recently were sent into middle west coal fields to offset the work of propagandists who were busy spreading a feeling of unrest among the miners. Many arrests were made, nearly 150 men being taken within a few days. It was another example of the propagandist's work.

One remarkable system of propaganda has been uncovered by draft boards. Difficult parts of the questionnaire were found to be answered in identical manner by different persons, and great smoothness was displayed in inserting signatures of additional "affiants" after only one had been sworn by the board officials. Draft officials became convinced that secret meetings attended by numbers of pro-German youths of draft age were being held, that all might receive instructions as to how to evade the draft.

Of special interest is the story that came out of Greensboro, N. C., some time ago regarding the attempted organization of the negroes in the south to join in a war against this country. The fomenting of this attempt "revolt" was carried on by secret agents of the imperial government under the pretense of spreading "kultur." Feeling against this move became so high in that district in April, 1917, that German schools of the south for a time were in grave danger.

Another far-reaching bit of the propagandist's work was the spreading nation-wide of reports that the government intends to confiscate a large part of the canned, preserved and dried goods conserved for home use for winter. Tens of thousands of housewives gave up their canning as a result of this propaganda.

Secret service agents recently ran down a group of German farmers who were holding "literary" society meetings in an out-of-the-way town hall in a middle west state. A traveling salesman who heard of them laughed loudly at first and then became suspicious, because he knew the neighborhood to be German. He repeated the joke and his suspicions to a secret service friend. A raid revealed a fine young organization of German propagandists, and papers of a great leal of value to federal authorities. It was the kind of raid one reads about in novels—an out-of-the-way place, a small building on a lonely road and a crowd of German spy propagandists. And it goes to show that the German spy system in this country overlooks not even the minutest of details when it comes to reaching every man, woman and child in the nation.



IT WAS THE KIND OF RAID ONE READS ABOUT IN NOVELS

The American Defense society announced from New York the other day that vigilance committees have been organized in 299 cities in the United States to check German propaganda.

Do you, Mr. Citizen, belong to one?

RED BLOODED MEN WIN OUT

They Are Always on Top

It is a fact that red blooded men and women are at the top in every walk of life. Men and women with the driving force of red blood, rich in Iron and Phosphates do things, they get results.

Red blooded women are the heads of the happiest and most contented homes, they have the will and the desire to be real companions and helpmates.

Leadership and happiness is only for the men and women who are willing to keep their blood and nerves strengthened and nourished with Iron and Phosphates.

A prominent doctor says, "It is a crime that so many men and women lack the rich, red blood and strong steady nerve to achieve their ambitions. It is all the more so because thin, watery blood is unnecessary, as rich, red blood and strong nerves are within the grasp of everyone. Phosphated Iron makes pure blood by making new blood. It gives strength, brings color to the cheeks, increases the weight and appetite, drives away the blues and those sleepless nights, steadies and renews your nervous energy, makes you feel like a live one once again."

There must be something to it. Everyone who tries it is loud in praise of Phosphated Iron, and you have got to show people these days.

To insure physicians and their patients receiving the genuine Phosphated Iron it has been put up in capsules only. Do not allow dealers to give you pills or tablets. Insist on capsules.

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Are the first choice of all experienced poultry-keepers. The Cyphers gives the utmost value that has ever been built into an incubator.

If you want an incubator that hatches every fertile egg, and brings out strong, livable chicks every time, buy the Cyphers.

Four sizes:

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YALE PROFESSOR IS A PRISONER IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Major Henry C. Emery, the Yale professor taken prisoner by the Germans on the Aland Islands, has been taken on a German transport to Dantzig, Germany.

American Minister Morris in Sweden reported to the state department today that the Swedish foreign office has ascertained the whereabouts of the American officer. Although it was supposed at the time a party of Americans and British trying to escape the German occupation of the Aland Islands were captured that they would be taken to German prison camps, this is the first official information that Prof. Emery actually was taken to the camp at Dantzig. He was an officer of the reserve corps and recently was married in Russia.

MEETINGS OF G.A.R. VETS AND RELIEF CORPS

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Middlesex County Association of G.A.R. Veterans was held this morning in Memorial hall with about 70 members of the association from various parts of the country present.

Simultaneously the members of the Middlesex County Association of Women's Relief Corps held their quarterly meeting in Post 120 G.A.R. hall in Merrimack street. There were several hundred present at this gathering.

At noon dinner was served for both associations in the Merrimack street hall with James A. Garfield Post 120, Women's Relief Corps, as hosts of the occasion.

At the meeting of the veterans this morning the following officers were installed: Commander, W. C. M. Howe, Reading; senior vice commander, Eben W. Pike, Cambridge; junior vice commander, George Pollard, Cambridge; chaplain, A. B. Ridlon, Reading; surgeon, Dr. Henry Clarke, Arlington; officer of the day, S. B. Dearborn, Wakefield; quartermaster, E. F. Morrill, Everett; officer of the guard, J. W. Emerey, Cambridge; adjutant, H. H. Knowles, Arlington; quartermaster sergeant, Joseph Wiggin, Melrose; sergeant-major, G. A. Whidden, Melrose.

The association voted to present the name of E. F. Morrill as candidate for junior vice commander at the next meeting to be held April 9 and 10 at Faneuil hall.

At noon the veterans assembled in Merrimack street opposite Memorial building and had their picture taken and then went to Post 120 hall in Merrimack street for luncheon.

The business meeting of the Women's Relief Corps was more or less routine with the election of officers and reports of the various corps as the outstanding features.

This afternoon the members of both associations were the guests of James A. Garfield Post 120, Women's Relief Corps, of this city. An entertainment was carried out in the post hall and included the following numbers: Reading, Mrs. Lillian Dodge Haskell; songs, Commissioner James E. Donnelly and Mrs. Young, and speaking by a number of the veterans. Mrs. Ada Myrick was chairman of the executive committee and Mrs. Mary Offut of the dining room committee. Mrs. Elvira Giles Flanders is president of Post 120 and Mrs. Etta Cook is president of the Middlesex County Association of Women's Relief Corps.

STEAMER GOV. COBB FOR TRAINING FLEET

BOSTON, March 26.—The steamer Governor Cobb, for several years in the passenger service between here and Maine ports, was chartered today by the United States shipping board as the fourth of a fleet of ships making their base here for the training of young men as seamen and firemen for the merchant marine. The ship, which will be refitted and put in service within a few weeks, will accommodate several hundred apprentices for intensive training courses of about six weeks. The Governor Cobb recently has been in the Boston and Yarmouth passenger service of the Eastern Steamship corporation.

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

FITCHBURG, March 26.—A statewide effort to develop means of making healthy and strong the internal life of the state in its industrial activities was inaugurated today at an industrial health conference held here under the state board of labor and industries, with the co-operation of the Massachusetts Medical society. Physicians, business men, labor leaders and social workers participated in discussions of industrial health work and the movement to eliminate as many as possible of the hazards of industry.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK

LONDON, March 26.—A British destroyer was sunk on March 23 in a collision, the admiralty announced last night. One officer and one of the crew were drowned.

SANFORDS GINGER

Best Ever for Colds Chills and Grip

Try this: Squeeze juice of one quarter of a lemon into a hot teacup. Add one teaspoonful of Sanfords Ginger, two of sugar, and fill up cup with boiling hot water. Drink hot and go to bed.

When purchasing look for the Owl Trade Mark on the wrapper lest you get a cheap, worthless or dangerous substitute. Forty-six years the standard of purity, flavor and strength. Sold by all druggists and grocers.

AMERICAN FIRMS ARE SEIZED BY GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, March 26.—The North German Gazette, the semi-official German government organ, announces that as a "reprisal" the following American firms have been placed under compulsory trusteeship: George Borgfeldt & Co., of Berlin; the F. W. Woolworth company, of New York; Louis Wolf & Co., of Boston; Butler Brothers, of Philadelphia, and the S. S. Kresge company of Detroit, all having branches at Sonneberg, Saxe-Meinlingen.

John J. Burns of Westford street is the New England representative of the Borgfeldt Co.'s New York house. It is one of the largest concerns in the world.

Cast iron shells, once thought obsolete, are manufactured in France at the rate of 1,000,000 a day. They are more effective against earthworks than steel.

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Don't sell it at a loss. Don't trade it. Don't borrow money on it at exorbitant rates. You don't have to, for if you need money, the Morris Plan will loan it to you.

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The government tells you to keep your bond. "Hold fast to the best investment in the world. It is my earnest hope that every purchaser of a Liberty bond will realize that the only genuine help he gives his government is by keeping his bond as an investment as long as it is possible for him to do so. Where, because of misfortune or imperative necessity the holder of a Liberty Bond is forced to sell, there can, of course, be no objection."—Secretary McAdoo.

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FUEL ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS 139,000 TONS OF HARD COAL FOR COMING YEAR

The local fuel administration has recommended that Lowell coal dealers be supplied 139,000 tons of hard coal for the coming year beginning April 1. The tonnage for the year just closing amounted to 118,000 tons and the increase is based on an estimated increase of population of 10 per cent due to the expansion of industrial activities here and also on the depleted coal supply brought about by the extreme weather of the past winter.

That amount of hard coal which local dealers delivered in the past few years has been as follows: 1915-16, 107,500 tons; 1916-17, 102,300 tons; 1917-18, 118,000 tons.

The amount of coal recommended for the coming year has been divided up into allotments for the individual dealers. Owing to the increased tonnage recommended and the fact that one local dealer has gone out of business, the individual allotments have been increased on an average of 33 per cent. These recommendations will be the basis on which the coal companies in the zone fixed by the federal fuel administration to supply this district, will accept orders from dealers.

Washington has promised that New England will get her full quota of coal during the coming year, and this, in turn, means that Lowell will get her share.

Today's coal receipts were [illegible] cars of hard coal and 36 of soft. Yesterday 94 priority cards were issued.

CELEBRATE FALSE REPORT OF BIG AMERICAN VICTORY

DUQUOIN, Ill., March 26.—Erroneous reports of a great American victory in France, resulting in the capture of 80,000 Germans, led yesterday to a ratification meeting which developed into a "loyalty" demonstration. Three alleged pro-Germans were forced to kiss the flag.

Reports of the victory spread among the coal miners here last night and today they were idle in celebration.

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All Day Wednesday and Thursday Morning

After weeks of preparation we are ready with our first big Spring Announcement in the great Basement Store—NEW stocks, NEW styles and SUPER values.

Chalifoux's Basement Departments

For Women, Girls and Children are Now Under the Direction of Our New Buyer

And have no connection whatever with the upstairs departments except that—both are Chalifoux's. This means greater values, lower prices, bigger varieties and vastly larger stocks. We now feature

Easter Styles at Lowest Basement Prices



Easter COATS
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Wonderful New Spring Skirts, $3.98
NOVELTY CHECKS, VELOURS AND STRIPED PANAMA

Night Gowns of White Batiste, daintily trimmed with embroidery 69c
Combination Corset Cover and Drawers, lace and embroidery trimmed 69c
Corset Covers, lace and ribbon trimmed 25c
Extra Size Petticoats, made of white ripplette with deep double flounce 50c
Children's Gingham Dresses, fancy plaids and stripes, also plain colors 59c
2 for $1.00

Long White Petticoats of fine batiste with deep embroidered flounce 98c
Little Girls' Hats, ribbon and lace trimmed 69c
Blue and White Milan Hats, ribbon trimmed, 50c
Little Girls' Coats, in shepherd plaids, sizes 2 to 6 ..... $1.98
Girls' Smart Coats, sizes 6 to 14. Novelty checks, trimmed with collar and cuffs of contrasting colors $3.98

AMUSEMENT NOTES

KEITH'S THEATRE

Deiro is back at Keith's this week with all his old time power and skill as a piano-accordeonist. The mobile-faced, intensely intelligent tickler of the metallic reeds sends out voluminous offerings from his wind instrument and works with an energy that eventually results in beads of perspiration forming on his brow. His artistic interest in his work and the responsive sympathy of his audience are the real inspiration of his playing.

Deiro is said to be among these young men who will soon be called to the front for service and last evening his repertoire was intermittently punctuated with those swingy, punchy melodies that have been so prevalent for the past year. He would go through the sonorus pacos of a classic and then almost before one could realize it, "Over There" would come streaming out in its staccato catchiness. Then he would jump to a musical comedy success from one of the new productions, and as the last soft strains floated away, there would burst out "Good-bye Broadway, Hello France." Thus he swayed from the sublime to—well, to that which is not wholly sublime, and every note he produced went "big" with his listeners. Deiro has personality, ability and interest.

Cyril Hickey is the dominating member of the offering given by the Three Hickey Brothers, acrobatic dancers. Cyril is the name given to him by his brothers on the stage, although that, of course, does not make its authenticity asbestos. But Cyril goes well with the character of the act and one will not dispute his real name. This particular member of the Hickey family is dressed "loosely" and he acts much in the same manner. His brothers appear in smart suits and demonstrate real ability as dancers and tumblers. The finale of the act is fertile with laughs.

Arthur Pickens & Co. present an active and fun producing skit whose novelty is based on a peculiar evolution of circumstances. Two couples are about to be married and one of the bridegrooms has presented to his prospective goddess an automobile as a wedding present. Said goddess is a motor fan, although her enthusiasm is more effective than her power over the driving wheel. She is determined to drive the car right away, although she has had but one lesson. Out into the night—9 p. m.—she ventures forth and throws in "high speed." A few minutes later there came tragic cries and a wounded man is brought into her apartment, the product of her Fordian abilities. Who the victim of the accident is and what he does about it make up the rest of the sketch and you must see it to get the full measure of smiles.

Carl Emmy has a troupe of terriers and a little woolly dog which he characterizes as the "back of a mop" at Keith's this week. Carl has names for each of the animals and compositely he calls them his "bunch of Janes." With all the due deference of a gentleman he requests each of his lady friends to do him various favors, such as leaping, balancing and sliding down an incline tail foremost. And almost without exception the "girls" do his bidding. One independent young lady has her doubts about the justice of her master's bidding, however, and only at stated periods will she obey his pleadings. And then she has an amusingly irritating way of assuming a kangaroo position when her friends wish to leap over her and—well, she might be called the ingenue of the offering.

Wellington & Sylvia open up the bill with an excellent juggling act. The "he" of the act combines real ability with amusing nonchalance and the lady is not objectionable to those with good eyesight.

Newell & Most, a boy and a girl with abundant youth in their favor, are entertaining in a music and comedy offering. The picture feature of the week is "Mother," with Elizabeth Risden in the leading role. Just as the picture begins, the audience is given a glimpse of Miss Risdon before she "makes up" as the mother, and although her characterization in the play is a most excellent one, still the spectator wonders if Miss Risdon wouldn't make a charming actress playing "straight." A fleeting glimpse of her real self left a desire for more and this was denied throughout the film. The picture itself is a sweet homely story of the rock-bound hills and valleys of Devonshire. England, and excellent character portraits predominate whatever action there is. The photography is remarkable.

The Hearst-Pathe News show among other things some of the effects of the new daylight saving law and is intensely interesting. Tickets for all performances may be obtained in advance at the box office. 'Phone 23.

THE STRAND THEATRE

The feature of the program at the Strand theatre for the first three days of the week is one of the latest productions by the World Film Corp., "The Way Out," an exceptionally pleasing drama, exceptionally pleasing because of the fact that the play is a new recreation and because it features such stars as June Elvidge, Muriel Ostriche, Carlyle Blackwell and John Bowers. The story is that of a mother who endeavors to break up the engagement between her daughter and a young business man. The mother, who is a society woman is eager to have her daughter marry a title, but she is too shrewd to openly oppose the engagement. She uses an altogether innocent occurrence to turn the young woman against the young business man and her efforts are crowned with success. She then takes the daughter to Paris, where she meets a count and eventually marries him. Despite all this the young woman still entertains a fond regard for her former lover and when they meet at her home he tells her of his suspicions regarding the scheme of her mother. During this visit the count appears and a tense and gripping scene is enacted between the trio. The climax of the story is a happy and fitting one to a long and interesting series of happenings in which the principals are engaged.

Another interesting film production is "The Shell Game," with Emily Whelen in the stellar role. The story contains enough humor to make it delightfully enjoyable, while the plot of the play remains a mystery until practically the close of the last scene. The comedy is another of the mile-a-minute type produced by the Vitagraph company, while the Strand Revue of Current Events is again at the top with its numerous interesting and instructive scenes of soldiers in this country and abroad.

The Symphony orchestra, under the leadership of Conductor Arthur J. Martel is featuring with the famous selection entitled "The Flying Angels," a new musical novelty, which is sure to be enjoyed by all. The electrical effects during this piece are unique. Conductor Arthur J. Martel again entertains with an organ recital that proves of interest to all lovers of good music. The bill will be changed Thursday.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

The biggest and best musical comedy company that Lowell has seen in many seasons is the Marcus Musical Revue, an organization of 30 funmakers, singers and dancers, including a two dozen American beauty chorus, which will open a spring and summer season of musical comedy at the Opera House, starting Easter Monday, April 1st, matinee and evening. There will be two performances daily, the matinee starting at 2.15 o'clock, and the evening performance at 8 o'clock. The program will be changed Thursday, giving two splendid big musical comedy successes each week. The prices charged will be 10 and 20 cents, with a few at 30 cents for the matinees, and in the evening the prices will be 10, 20 and 30 cents, with a few at 50 cents. The sale of seats opens Wednesday morning and as all seats are reserved, it is wise to order tickets early. Reservation can be made by phoning 261.

In securing the Marcus Musical Revue for Lowell the management of the Opera House has made a ten-strike and packed houses will rule from the opening performance on Monday. Heading this superb company of artists are Lew Williams and Frank Murray, a pair of exceptionally clever comedians, who, during the past few seasons, have been connected with Broadway's biggest musical comedy successes. These two young men have a wealth of joy material and are surrounded by the handsomest chorus of girls ever seen in any local comedy successes. These two pearance in Lowell of this brilliant organization—Marcus' best—and that new records for hits here will be established seems certain.

In presenting the Marcus Musical Revue the management has secured an organization which will appeal to the ladies and children and at the matinees there will be a special reserved section which includes 1000 good seats at 10 cents.

A New York man arrested for hugging a street car conductor was given his choice of apologizing to her or going to jail. That was the height of gallantry—refusing to say he was sorry.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Supper and a social hour were the features of the monthly meeting of the Lowell Christian Endeavor society, which was held last evening at St. Paul's M.E. church. The attendance was large and at the close of the supper an entertainment program was given by the following: Mrs. Alice V. Champion, Miss Amy French, Miss Beasie Clark, Miss Ivy Bamber, Charles V. Barker, Miss Leila Davis and others. During the business session the annual convention to be held at Newton April 19 was discussed at length in an endeavor to work up enthusiasm for a large attendance from this city.

CHILD DIED IN KENWOOD, DRACUT, AS RESULT OF SWALLOWING A NUT

George G. Wilson, 21-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson of Kenwood, Dracut, died yesterday afternoon shortly after swallowing a nut.

The child was playing in the yard with several other children and putting a nut in his mouth swallowed it. He immediately began to show signs of distress and his mother was notified. She was unable to relieve the child's sufferings and a doctor was summoned, but all efforts to extricate the nut from the boy's throat proved fruitless, and he lived only about 15 minutes. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey.

MATHEW TEMPERANCE INSTITUTE

The members of the Mathew Temperance Institute met in regular session in their rooms in the Mansur building Sunday afternoon, Vice President P. Frank Reilly presiding. Twenty propositions for membership were received. The committee in charge of the recent Irish concert reported that the affair had been a big success. Four delegates were elected to represent the organization at the annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union, to be held in Boston April 19. The delegates will be John Townsend, John O'Neil, John C. Sargent and P. Frank Reilly.

NEXT MONDAY LAST DAY FOR FILING INCOME TAX SCHEDULE FOR 1917

Your cheers for the flag, and the colors in your buttonhole are on the level if you are square about income tax.

Next Monday, April 1, is the last day for filing your schedule of 1917 income with the government.

If you are single and earned $1000 during 1917, or if married and you earned $2000, get busy this week and avoid the stigma that attaches to delinquency in performing a war-time duty.

FOOD QUESTION TABOOED

LONDON, March 26.—The food question has reached a point when its eternal discussion has become intolerable, and many London clubs have placed signs up in their smaller sitting and smoking rooms announcing that the food question is tabooed in conversations there. One of the largest women's clubs in the West End has laid down a rule that any member or visitor alluding to the subject shall be fined and the penalty handed over to a Red Cross fund.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Division 8, A.O.H., was held last night in Hibernian hall, President M. J. Monahan occupying the chair. Four applications for membership were received and one new member initiated. Communications were received from the county board of director asking for a copy of the roll of honor of the division's members who are in the service.

The officers were instructed to attend the county convention and county board meeting, which will take place next Sunday in Woburn. The election of national delegates will take place at the convention. John Kenney, president of the Central council, will be a candidate for delegate; also one other who will be chosen on Wednesday evening, when a meeting of the council will be held to make arrangements for the convention.

The regular meeting of Loyal Integrity lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., was held in Odd Fellows hall last night, Noble Grand Sidney Frayer presiding. It was reported that Brother Hillman had joined the Canadian army and another star, making ten, will be added to the service flag. The blue degree was conferred upon three members by P.G. James P. MacArdle, N.G. Sidney Frayer and G.M. David Thomas. On the good of the order N.G. John Foster of Wamesit lodge being called upon for remarks made a most telling speech. One new member was elected by ballot. There were quite a number of visitors from Wamesit lodge and a very interesting meeting was closed with form in a most impressive manner at a late hour to meet again on Monday evening, April 8.

Integrity Staff association met Sunday, Vice President Severe Lambert presiding.

There was a very successful rehearsal of the drill under the efficient chief of staff, Thomas M. Smith, P.G. George E. Mackley, an old time member of the staff being present was called upon for remarks. He responded enthusiastically, saying he was glad to state he was no relation to the man recently sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for disloyal remarks. He was given a most cordial reception by the staff members, old friends and new.

The program for the social hour was as follows: Song, James Taylor; reading, Harry Taylor; reading, P.G. George E. Mackley; song, P.G.G.E. Mackley; song, N.G. James Cunningham of Merrimack Valley lodge; song, G.M. James Broadbent, of Merrimack Valley lodge; song, N.G. Sidney Fryer of Integrity lodge; reading, P.P.G.M. Edward T. Mackley; song, Edward Russell; reading, Thomas Hosty; reading, P.G. Geo. E. Mackley; trio, Edward Russell, Gerald Wilkinson, Charles Porter; reading, President Thomas M. Smith.

The regular meeting of Gen. Adelbert Ames camp, United Spanish War Veterans, was held last night in Memorial hall, Commander James F. Crowley in the chair. There was a large attendance and considerable routine business was transacted. One member was mustered in and two members were taken by reinstatement. Past Commander Mitchell reported for the committee on the state convention which will be held in Boston April 18 and 19. It was announced that the headquarters of the camp at this convention would be the Hotel Oxford. The meeting adjourned to attend the social of the Edith Prescott Wolcott auxiliary, held in the rooms downstairs.

BILLS HAVING TO DO WITH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND RABBITS

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 26.—By an overwhelming voice vote yesterday afternoon, the house killed a bill providing that superintendents of schools must be certified by the state board of education before being eligible to take up their duties. Advocates of the bill contended that its purpose was to advance the leadership of public school instruction from the status of an occupation to that of a profession, but its opponents declared it to be an attempt to centralize authority in the state board of education, and to take away from towns and cities a considerable degree of their home-rule privileges.

The bill to extend the open season on rabbits, by adding the last 20 days of October to the month of November, was killed by an overwhelming vote. This bill was substituted last week for an adverse committee report, apparently as a personal compliment to Rep. Robert T. Kent of Pittsfield. HOYT.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY MASS. STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

A number of interesting agricultural circulars have recently been issued by the Massachusetts state board of agriculture, and these may be secured free of charge by writing to the secretary, Wilfrid Wheeler, 136 state house, Boston.

The titles are as follows:

Circular 76, "The Value of a Market News Service to Farmers and Fruit Growers," by H. W. Selby.

Circular 77, "The Work of the Federal Land Bank," by Leonard G. Robinson.

Circular 78, "Short Time Credit for Farmers," by Charles P. Holland.

Circular 79, "What Organization has done for the Milk Business," by Richard Pattee.

Circular 80, "The Significance of a Kernel of Corn," by George M. Twitchell.

Circular 81, "The Importance of Honey Production," by E. R. Root.

Circular 82, "The Relation of the Railroad to the Farmer," by G. A. Cullen.

Circular 83, "Directions for Growing Small Grains," by Wilfrid Wheeler.

Circular 84, "Public Markets in Massachusetts," by A. Edwards Annin, Jr.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AUTHORIZED TO BUY FARM MACHINERY

A bill has just been passed by the legislature and signed by the governor giving the Massachusetts state board of agriculture an appropriation of $100,000 to purchase farm machinery. Wilfrid Wheeler, secretary of the state board of agriculture, makes the following statement about the details of the plan:

"This is part of the drive which is being made by national and state agencies to increase the production of staple crops in Massachusetts in 1918. The machinery purchased will include tractor plows and harrows, grain drills, reapers and binders, corn harvesters, hay balers, and thrashing machines. The tractors will in most cases be operated by the state, and will do custom work for farmers. The cost to the farmer will be not more than $5 an acre for the plowing and harrowing. The seeding and harvesting machinery will be leased to farmers at a rental large enough to cover depreciation and interest. The balers and thrashing machines will be operated by the state. Machinery will not be placed except in towns where a sufficient acreage is guaranteed to keep it busy without the necessity of long hauls. A minimum acreage of 100 acres will be required in a locality. The crops on which the machinery is to be used are wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, potatoes and beans.

"Farmers wishing to get the use of this machinery are urged to communicate at once with their local food production committee, with the county farm bureau, or directly with the state board of agriculture."

State Board of Agriculture,
136 State House, Boston, Mass.
March 20, 1918.

GIFTS FOR BELGIAN SOLDIERS

Senator Henri La Fontaine, winner of the Nobel Peace Price in 1912, and at present head of the fund for "Gifts for Belgian Soldiers," authorizes the following:

"We have just been advised from Belgium that a university has been established at the front. The men have settled down to a long pull, and the younger men are preparing themselves for work of restoring Belgium after the war.

"The university has been started at ———. At first, some difficulty was encountered in establishing a physical plant, but now the building is equipped with heating system and electric light. For the time being, the courses will be confined to law, philosophy, poetry and rhetoric.

"M. Poullet, Belgian minister of art and science, and Lieut. Gen. Ribuyck are especially interested in the university which already has 200 students.

"Our fund for 'Gifts for Belgian Soldiers,' for which the Guaranty Trust company of New York has consented to act as depository, will be able to assist the university, as this fund does the same kind of work among Belgian soldiers that the American camp community fund does among American soldiers. We endeavor to supply those comforts to the soldiers which do so much for maintaining their morals. For the most part the things we supply are those beyond the reach of the soldiers with their meagre income of 10 cents a day allowed them by the state."

LOWELL'S POLICE WOMAN REPORTS TO THE MAYOR—LATTER MAKES STATEMENT

Police Inspector Emily M. Skilton, who was recently appointed to the position by Mayor Perry D. Thompson, has filed her first report with His Honor. Miss Skilton has been on the job over a week and has got right down to business at once. The mayor is much satisfied with her report and yesterday afternoon he gave out the following statement:

"Miss Skilton is not attempting to put anybody in jail. At least, primarily, her intentions are to keep people from the jails and other institutions, to put them on the right track so that there may be no need of arresting them. It is good, practical work, and she is getting a lot of assistance from persons who are interested in her work. She is very much pleased over the way she has been helped in so many ways. Later she will give out a little schedule of the places where she will be from time to time, so that mothers, wayward girls and others may come to her for advice in one way or another."

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But something should be given that will produce the result in as simple and natural a way as possible. Harsh cathartics and physics are neither necessary nor desirable.

Many mothers have found that the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin sold by druggists under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin produces a free movement of the bowels without griping. A very little is required, and it is pleasant to take. A few hours after its use the child will be its happy self again.

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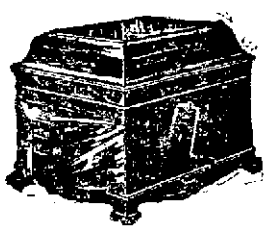
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PROVIDENCE WINS FROM LOWELL, 5 TO 4

POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	49	36	58.3
Lawrence	48	36	56.1
Lewiston	40	35	53.3
Providence	42	37	53.3
Worcester	29	41	41.4
Portland	27	49	35.5

ROLLER POLO RESULTS

Providence 5, Lowell 4.
Lawrence 9, Worcester 0.
Lewiston 8, Portland 1.

PROVIDENCE, March 26.—Lowell gave the Gold Bugs a terrific battle here last night but was forced to take the count by a score of 5 to 4. The contest was the best played here this season by a big margin. Pence was the big stumbling block for the visitors, but Purcell performed wonders in the Lowell goal. Lowell excelled in team play and in all around work but the ball rolled with the Gold Bugs. Lowell had two in and out goals and on each occasion a Providence man followed with a count.

The lineup, score and summary:

Providence		Lowell
Jason, lr		lr, Williams
Thompson, 2r		2r, Harkins
Muirhead, c		c, Griffith
Doherty, hb		hb, Cusick
Pence, g		g, Purcell

(First Period)

Caged by,	Won by	Time
Thompson, Providence		1.55
Williams, Lowell		1.55
Williams, Lowell		6.25
Jason, Providence		4.00

(Second Period)

Jason, Providence		1.45
Griffith, Lowell		7.25

(Third Period)

Thompson, Providence		9.20
Thompson, Providence		6.10
Williams, Lowell		2.10

Rushes: Williams 8, Jason 4. Stops: Purcell 51; Pence 45. Referee, Kilgarra; timer, Perrin.

POLO NOTES

Tonight Lowell and Lawrence occupants of first and second places in the polo league standing, and the bitterest rivals in said organization will clash at the Rollaway rink. Captain Harkins will be back in the Lowell lineup, for his first local appearance since a week ago Friday, and he is confident that he will lead his men to victory. Capt. Hardy, the popular (in Lawrence) captain of the boys from down below, with Jean, Duggan, Slater, O'Hearn and Blount, will be on hand and as usual a packed house will be on hand to greet them. The game will start at 8.15 o'clock.

On next Thursday night, Worcester and Lowell will meet at the local rink. The game was scheduled for Good Friday night, but Manager Moore had it shifted in order to permit closing the rink on that evening.

Ben Keaveney writes:

Buckley certainly filled in fine for the Lowell team during Capt. Harkins' sickness as the team won three of the four games played without the leader. "Buck" sure has made good with a vengeance and is as good right now as many of the other rushers that are holding down steady jobs. Next year he will get his chance and it's good betting he makes good. "Buck" is a strong boy, ready to mix it up with any of them, and with some experience should become a regular.

Owing to the increased demand for reserved seats for tonight's game the bleachers in front of the press box have been reserved.

VESPER COUNTRY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Vesper-Country club will be held Thursday night at the club's quarters at Tyngs Island.

The club has extended a general invitation to all golf players stationed at Camp Devens at the present time to use the links at Tyngs Island any time during their stay in this vicinity. There are a number of the soldier boys who are very enthusiastic over the game and it is expected that in the near future the boys at Camp Devens will make the most of the opportunity.

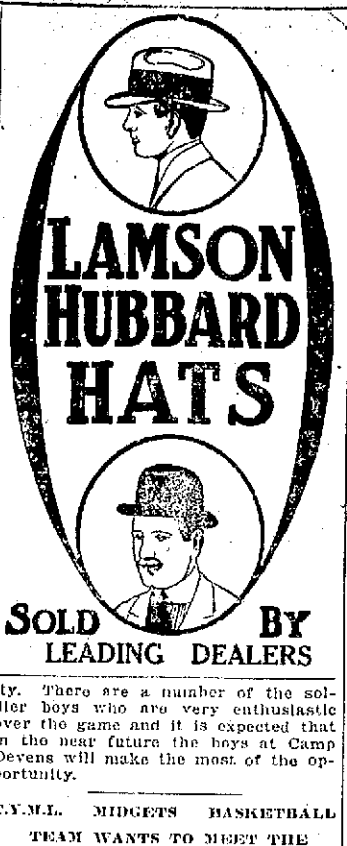
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C.Y.M.L. MIDGETS BASKETBALL TEAM WANTS TO MEET THE O.M.I. CADET FIVE

George Rodgers, captain of the C.Y.M.L. Midgets basketball team, writes to The Sun sporting editor to say that his team is willing to meet the O.M.I. Cadet Five "to represent the C.Y.M.L., setting aside the so-called 'Acre' representation." Manager Rodgers suggests that if a game be arranged, it should not be played in a hall with three posts in the middle where a serious accident is likely to occur. He suggests the Y.M.C.I. hall. He will be pleased to meet the O.M.I. Cadet management in their armory Wednesday evening.

KID WILLIAMS LEADING SCORER LAST WEEK

Kid Williams of Lowell was the leading goal-getter last week, when he drove 22 into the draperies. Thompson of Providence came next with 14. The averages are as follows:

Rushes Won By

Mulligan 429, Higgins 341, Red Williams 291, Lincoln 256, Duggan 256, Kid Williams 245, Kehoe 219, Oldham 205, O'Hearne 99, Slater 94, Long 93, Alexander 74, George Hart 62, Jason 60, Mulvey 45, Reed 19, Davis 7, Harkins 4, Bob Hart 2, Dalgnault 2, Leonard 2, Loxon 1, Thompson 1, Yale 1.

Goals Made By

Higgins 223, Harkins 177, George Hart 162, Thompson 159, Kid Williams 140, Red Williams 106, Mulligan 101, Bob Hart 101, Slater 90, Duggan 89, Lincoln 78, Kehoe 74, Oldham 66, Griffiths 64, Long 57, Jason 56, Hardy 44, Alexander 43, Dufresne 39, Jean 29, Muirhead 23, Cameron 16, Carrigan 16, Buckley 16, Mulvey 12, Reed 12, Doherty 11, McGilvray 11, Farrell 10, Loxon 10, Donnelly 8, O'Brien 8, Dalgnault 8, Morrison 8, Brown 7, Yale 7, Fennell 3, Asquith 3.

Fouls Made By

Doherty 28, Donnelly 23, Hardy 19, Morrison 14, Griffith 14, Muirhead 14, Farrell 14, Cusick 12, Dufresne 11, Fennell 10, O'Brien 9, Blount 8, Cameron 8, Bob Hart 6, Thompson 6, Harkins 6, Jean 6, Carrigan 5, Duggan 4, Slater 3, Mulligan 3, Kehoe 2, Red Williams 3, Kid Williams 3, Alexander 8, Brown 2, Loxon 2, Oldham 2, Jason 2, Mullen 2, Long 2, Welch 1, Pence 1, Lincoln 1, Higgins 1, George Hart 1.

Goaltend's Averages

	Stoped	Missed	Ave.
Blount	3061	264	92.0
Pence	3271	304	91.5
Conley	3136	313	90.9
Mallorey	626	70	90.1
Purcell	3251	445	88.0
Lovegreen	36	5	87.8
Mullen	2624	397	86.9
Cashman	1084	180	85.8
Allard	860	145	85.6

LAWRENCE MFG. CO. LEAGUE

The following is the standing of the Lawrence Mfg. Co. bowling league together with individual averages:

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Web Knit	70	18	32,301
Yarn Dept.	49	39	31,164
Shipping Dept.	49	39	30,854
Shirt Finish	44	44	30,994
Hose Knit	33	55	30,328
Dye House	19	69	29,250

Individual averages:

Bourque 104.3, Desrosiers 100.26, Vizena 99.52, Trudell 99.48, P. Geoffroy 99.41, Sewell 98.62, Nault 98.59, Champagne 98.42, Lacombe 95.50, Pelton 95.38, Swindells 95.27, Clay 95.17, Chase 94.42, Davis 94.28, Carpentier 94.12, J. Geoffroy 93.55, Pigeon 93.29, Senior 92.18, Levy 93.7, Pillsbury 93.1, Benoit 92.50, Brown 92.49, Hunt 92.2, Green 91.56, Frappier 91.32, Guilbeault 90.15, Lemire 90.8, Spriggs 90.4.

Team high three string, 1576, Web Knit; second, 1568, Web Knit; team high single, 571, Web Knit; second, 548, Web Knit. Individual high three string, 351, P. Geoffroy, Web Knit; second, 349, P. Geoffroy, Web Knit; individual high single, 144, Sewell, Yarn Dept.; second, 139, Benoit, Dye House.

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HELP SWITZERLAND

U. S. Ships to Take Food Supplies to That Country

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Transfer of 50,000 tons of American shipping to the Swiss government to take food supplies for that country was announced yesterday by the shipping board.

With its sources of food cut off by the battle line, Switzerland several months ago turned to the United States with an urgent request for foodstuffs and ships to carry them across the Atlantic.

The state department gave assurances to the Swiss government that America would aid in every way possible.

Several ships bearing grain to Switzerland have been torpedoed recently, making it necessary to procure additional tonnage.

Switzerland is expected to procure safe conduct from Germany before putting in service any of the vessels which the United States has agreed to permit it to use.

The port of arrival for the relief ships will be Cette, in southern France, where supplies will be shipped overland by rail to the Swiss frontier.

Although the number and size of the ships to be turned over were not made public, it is believed that several of the Dutch vessels recently obtained will be included.

NO TAX "LADIES' DAY"

Those Exempt From War Tax at Baseball Parks

WASHINGTON, March 26.—"Ladies' day" at baseball parks will not be affected by the war tax, according to an announcement made today by the bureau of internal revenue. The bureau has ruled that the "admission of a lady on on a gentleman's ticket without charge is not taxable because the same ticket covers both, even though an unaccompanied lady must pay the same admission as a gentleman."

Others who are exempt are baseball writers, telephone operators, bona fide employes of the baseball associations, public officials on official business and children under 12 years of age, who are admitted free. The bureau's announcement explains that the exemption does not apply to "newspaper critics and reporters occupying seats in the audience" but only to those who occupy special spaces such as press boxes.

There will be no change in the time honored custom of letting in for nothing the boy who recovers the ball after it has been knocked over the fence, the statement says.

The bureau has decided that holders of season boxes or seats must pay the tax for every game, whether the seats or boxes are occupied or not.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Club Owners and Others Interested Meet In New York

NEW YORK, March 26.—Club owners and others interested in the affairs of the International league arrived here today for informal conferences, preliminary to a meeting of the league tomorrow at which it is expected definite action will be taken on the long delayed question of whether to start the season or suspend operations during the war.

As many of the best players in the league have been disposed of to major leagues and interest is reported to be lukewarm in a majority of the cities composing the circuit, the opinion is held generally that the organization will not attempt to start.

The Baltimore and Toronto managers, in their efforts to induce other cities to fill the gaps caused by resignations, have met with virtually no encouragement. Jack Dunn of Baltimore, it is said, will endeavor to form a new league, if the International suspends operations.

TO FILL THE GAPS

Machinery to Speed Up Recruiting In England

LONDON, March 26.—To fill the gaps caused by the German advance in France, the authorities have decided to place the recruiting machinery in motion again throughout the country. In order to assist the government the miners have placed the organization of their union at the disposal of the recruiting officers.

"To provide for all contingencies," says the Daily Mail, "it has been decided to speed up the recruiting machinery and the men already scheduled for calling up will be summoned to the colors more quickly than was intended. The government will take firm measures where needed."

The Mail says the events in France have proved to be a great stimulus for voluntary recruiting for home service among discharged soldiers and men up to the age of 50.

66 LIVES LOST

British Mine Sweeping Sloop Sunk By Mine

LONDON, March 26.—The Admiralty announced last night the sinking of a mine sweeping sloop through striking a mine on Friday last. Two officers and 64 men were lost.

TYNGSBORO GIRL

In Path of Hun Drive—Whole Party Reported Safe

BOSTON, March 26.—The Smith college Red Cross unit, which went to France last fall to help in reconstruction work in ruined villages, has been stationed about three miles west of St. Quentin, directly in the path of the German drive. Reports to Paris that all the Red Cross units in the danger zone are safe have reassured Boston officers of the unit.

Miss L. K. Fast of 27 Eliot street, Jamaica Plain, treasurer of the unit, said last night that the unit has had an extra supply of gasoline on hand ever since it has been in France, ready to get away at a moment's notice.

Members of the unit include several Smith alumnae from New England. Mrs. Barrett Andrews of Bronxville, N. Y., is the director, and other members are Miss Lucy Mather, Hartford; Miss Margaret Wood, Winetka, Ill.; Miss Alice Leavens, Jamaica Plain; Miss Millicent Lewis, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.; Miss Marion Bennett, Tyngsboro; Miss Marie Wolfs, Newark, N. J.; Miss Katherine Hooper, Montclair, N. J., and Miss Ruth Joslin, Chicago, Ill.

BERLIN CELEBRATES SUCCESS IN WEST

LONDON, March 25.—Berlin was decorated Monday and church bells were ringing in celebration of the success on the western front, according to an Exchange Telegraph despaten from Copenhagen. The Catholic churches in Berlin have arranged for a special day of prayer.

Louisiana has a new product. It is cactus candy. The cactus is peeled, dipped in hot sirup or molasses, and coated with sugar.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Nellie S. Gay, late of Billerica, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Nellie Lyons Gay, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her without giving a surety on her bond, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined the trust.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of April, A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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HELP WANTED

ORDER COOK wanted at once. Apply to Mr. Cole. D. L. Page Co.

TABLE GIRL wanted at 98 Middlesex st.

SEWERS AND TAILORS wanted on alterations of ladies' garments; good wages for experienced hands. Cherry & Webb, 12-18 John st.

FREE—32-piece dinner set for selling gum and chocolates. Write 1 92, Sun Office.

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DISH WASHER wanted at Fox's Lunch Room, 19 Bridge st.

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MAN OR WOMAN wanted to work in confectionery store. Inquire 353 Broadway. Tel. 5615.

COTTON WEAVERS wanted, out-of-town; ship Monday. Middlesex Service Bureau, 398 Middlesex st.

KITCHEN WOMEN, housegirls, cook for boarding house, power sewing machine operators wanted. Middlesex Service Bureau, 398 Middlesex st.

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First class dressmakers and alteration help. Good salaries to capable parties. Apply
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4 OR 5 ROOM TENEMENT or small cottage wanted by family of two. Write T 42, Sun Office.

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LOST AND FOUND

LADY'S BROWN POCKETBOOK containing large sum of money lost March 25. Owner's name on pay envelope. Liberal reward. Write P 93, Sun Office.

POCKETBOOK containing money and gold rosary beads, lost Sat. night in Woolworth's. Finder please return rosary to 38 Blossom st.

BLACK BILL FOLD containing sum of money, lost. Finder please leave at 272 Merrimack st. Reward.

POCKETBOOK containing money and other articles, found in Jackson st. Inquire 40 Linden st.

POCKETBOOK lost with a Camp Devens' pass in it. It is very essential that soldier return pass. Finder kindly send it to 7 Everett street.

SPECIAL NOTICES

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11-ROOM HOUSE for sale. Inquire 35 Agawam st., in the rear.

6-ROOM COTTAGE for sale, near Shaw hosiery; newly shingled and painted. This is a dandy for the price, $1350. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

A DANDY 6-ROOM COTTAGE for sale, in Dracut; in excellent repair. To settle an estate. Price $1100. Easy terms. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

COTTAGE for sale, near Westford st.; 6 rooms, gas, toilet, fruit trees; nearly 6000 ft. of land. Price $1700. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

TWO TENEMENT HOUSE for sale, near Sacred Heart church; baths, hot and cold water, furnace heat. Price $3750. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

BARGAIN, bargain, bargain. For sale near Westford st., 6-room cottage, toilet, fruit trees, large yard, very nice neighborhood; easy terms. Bargain, $1600. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

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Proposals For Coal

Sealed proposals addressed to the Middlesex County Commissioners and endorsed "Proposals for Coal" will be received by said Commissioners at the Court House, Lowell, until Monday the 15th day of April, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. for a supply of coal to be delivered at the Court House, the Lowell Jail and at the Training School, North Chelmsford, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

All bids must be upon blank forms to be obtained at the office of the Commissioners, Court House, East Cambridge, and must give the prices proposed both in writing and in figures, and be signed by the bidder with his address.

Specifications and forms of proposal and contract may be obtained at the office of the Commissioners, Court House, East Cambridge.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids or accept any bid as they may deem best.

ALFRED L. CUTTING,
ERSON B. BARLOW,
WALTER C. WARDWELL,
Middlesex County Commissioners.
Cambridge, Mass., March 22, 1918.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.	Portland Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.
6.20	6.50	6.35	8.30	6.35	7.36	10.50	11.58
6.23	7.26	6.50	7.03	10.58	12.07	3.20	4.40
6.47	7.30	z6.35	8.24	pm5.14	6.44	5.14	6.12
b6.50	7.58	7.35	8.28	7.08	8.28	7.00	8.15
6.57	8.00	a8.21	9.34	9.50	11.00	9.50	11.06
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7.05	8.37	9.30	10.09				
9.01	9.42	12.30	1.09				
9.48	10.37	11.05	1.58				
10.14	11.03	2.15	3.10				
11.05	11.48	3.00	3.51				
12.15	1.06	4.05	5.27				
1.13	2.35	4.00	4.43				
2.45	3.41	5.00	5.42				
b3.30	4.10	b5.21	6.37				
4.15	5.26	5.53	6.37				
5.32	6.35	b5.48	7.10				
b6.02	7.35	6.14	7.28				
7.33	8.29	8.02	8.11				
8.37	9.20	8.30	9.11				
9.43	10.31	10.30	11.37				
		11.40	12.46				

Sunday Trains Portland Division			
12.07	1.16	8.30	4.45
3.40	4.45	5.14	6.43
5.45	7.05	8.45	9.53
8.55	10.04		

Sunday Trains Southern Division			
6.47	7.30	8.45	9.47
7.39	8.18	9.30	10.08
8.25	9.36	1.00	2.03
9.19	10.12	5.30	6.21
10.20	11.17	7.15	8.20
2.52	3.55	6.00	6.41
5.10	6.00	8.30	9.11
8.15	8.57	9.20	10.25
8.46	9.58	10.35	11.44
9.45	10.40		

b via Bedford; z via Salem jct. a via Wilmington jct. n not holidays. h Sat. only.

If you want to buy, sell or exchange anything, try a Sun want ad.

STATE'S POLICY TOWARD TEXTILE SCHOOLS

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 26.—In order to bring matters to a head in the controversy which has been raging with respect to the textile schools in Lowell, New Bedford and Fall River, the state board of education has drafted bills setting forth what it believes should be the policy of the commonwealth toward each of the schools, and the legislative committee on education is to give a public hearing on the measures Wednesday, April 3.

The bills provide, in brief, for the plan which was explained in this paper several weeks ago. It contemplates that the New Bedford and Fall River schools shall be joined with the vocational schools in the respective cities, the city and state splitting "50-50" on the cost of maintaining the combined instruction.

The Lowell school is to be treated on a different basis with respect to its advanced classes. This instruction is to be taken over and maintained exclusively by the commonwealth, while in the lower grades there is to be the same 50-50 split of the cost as is provided for in the case of the Fall River and New Bedford schools.

In submitting the bills formally to the committee on education yesterday for printing, Commissioner of Education Smith said:

"The board was asked to report on the question of state policy only. The schools have been operated in the past under private boards of trustees. When they are taken over and become public institutions, their operation should conform to the policy of the state relative to industrial education, insofar as they fall within the general class as to industrial education. That policy has been established already and it provides that the state and the city shall bear equally the expense of such education.

"The recommendations we have made are, therefore, that all of the work of the lower grades in these schools shall be put on that 50-50 basis. There is no reason, in the opinion of the board, why the three cities concerned should be given any preference over those communities in the matter of industrial education.

"The only other question is as to whether or not the state should enter into higher textile education. In the opinion of the board, the legislation enacted and the work of the school points to the Lowell school as the only one in which technological courses are given. The bill we have presented provides that the state shall take over the Lowell school and conduct its higher grade courses, leaving to the city of Lowell, if it so desires, the making of a contract to combine its lower textile courses with those of the city's industrial education scheme.

"The board believes, however, that the higher courses in all the schools should be continued, at least until further investigation shows that it is unwise to do so.

"It is recognized that this plan implies the maintenance of two schools in Fall River and New Bedford. These cities are given an opportunity to decide whether to keep up the two establishments. The board believes it is practical to combine the industrial and textile schools in Fall River.

"The proposition at Lowell involves decision being made within a year as to whether the city shall enter into a contract with the state for industrial education.

"The major attention of the people in the three cities is centred on textile education. The board would strengthen that in line with the wishes and purposes of the people in the several cities."

Dr. Smith said the only alternative appeared to the board to be exclusive state ownership and operation of the schools. That, he argued, would lead to new demands for state schools for the shoe industry and for extension of the industrial education idea as a state function, with great attendant expense in the future. He predicted that even the continuation of the present basis of apportioning maintenance costs—three-fourths of the state and one-fourth on each of the respective cities—would lead in the same manner to demands for similar treatment for education in other lines of industry.

Lowell School Bill

An act to provide for the transfer of the property of the trustees of the Lowell Textile school to the commonwealth and the further control, maintenance and policy of said school.

Sect. 1. The trustees of the Lowell Textile school of Lowell, a corporation established under the provisions of chapter 475 of the acts of the year 1895, are hereby authorized to convey to the commonwealth of Massachusetts, the land, buildings and other property now owned by said corporation, the said conveyance to be in form approved by the attorney general.

Sect. 2. In the event of a conveyance, as hereinbefore authorized, there shall be established a board of trustees for the management, direction and control of said school, to be made up as follows: There shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, nine suitable persons, citizens of Massachusetts, of whom at least five shall be especially interested in the textile industry, all shall be appointed for the term of one year, from July 1, 1918, who, with the mayor, superintendent of schools, and the chairman of the school committee of the city of Lowell, ex-officio, shall constitute said board of trustees.

Sect. 3. For the period of one year from and after July 1, 1918, said board of trustees, subject to the approval and inspection of the board of education, shall manage, direct and control said Lowell Textile school of Lowell as a textile school, and said board of trustees may expend during the year ending July 1, 1919, such sums as the general court may appropriate for the maintenance, equipment and extension of said Lowell Textile school of Lowell.

Sect. 4. Said board of trustees shall be and hereby are directed and instructed forthwith upon their assumption of the management, direction and control of the said school to negotiate, in co-operation with the board of education, with the city of Lowell the terms of the contract whereby all textile courses of less than technological grade in said school shall be organized and operated in conjunction with the vocational school system of the city of Lowell on substantially the terms of chapter 471 of the acts of the year 1911, as now or hereafter amended, with such provisions as to details of management as shall seem necessary.

Sect. 5. Said board of trustees shall be and hereby are directed and instructed to report to the next general court on or before the 15th day of January, 1919, stating the results of said negotiations and the terms of said contracts, together with the plans for the management, direction, control, maintenance and extension of said school, from and after July 1, 1919, accompanying said report by draft of proposed legislation, necessary to make said contracts and plans effective, and incorporating in said report any pertinent conclusions or recommendations they may deem advisable. HOYT.

TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILD ASPHYXIATED—WOMAN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Cecile Desrosiers, aged two years and five months, was found dead from gas poisoning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Byron, 170 Avon street, last night, and Mrs. Byron had a narrow escape from being a victim. The latter did not recover consciousness until 5 o'clock this morning. The timely arrival of Mr. Byron, the good work done by Dr. James J. Cassidy, and the use of the pulmotor saved the woman's life.

The unfortunate accident occurred during the afternoon, but Mrs. Byron seems to remember nothing after 2 o'clock. The Desrosiers child was the daughter of Oliver Desrosiers, whose wife died some time ago. The child had been taken care of by Mr. and Mrs. Byron, the latter being a sister to the father. Mr. Desrosiers has also been living at the Byron house.

When Mr. Byron reached the house about 6.30 o'clock he detected a strong odor of gas and tracing it to the vulcan heater found that the gas cock was turned on. He then entered one of the bed rooms in search of his wife and found her lying unconscious on the floor while the Desrosiers child was lying apparently lifeless on the bed.

Dr. Cassidy worked over the woman for a long time and after resorting to artificial respiration she showed signs of life. Later the pulmotor was brought from the police station and that was also used on the woman.

Mrs. Byron is unable to explain how the gas happened to be turned on stating that the last thing she remembers was about 2 o'clock when, while in the bath room, she became faint. It is thought that while in a semi-conscious condition she made her way into the bedroom with the intention of saving the child and was overcome.

SPECIAL LICENSE FOR THE HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS

Hereafter hawkers or peddlers who sell produce to hotels, restaurants or in fact any place where it is re-sold, must have a special license from the United States food administration department. Those who sell goods from house to house for immediate use of the consumer, however, do not need a license. This license is required in addition to the regular hawker and peddler license issued by the license commission.

Clerk John J. Flaherty of the license commission is in receipt of the following self-explanatory communication from the office of the United States food administration:

Hucksters or peddlers of food or vegetables who sell to hotels, restaurants, retail stores, or any other companies or persons who do not consume what they purchase, but who in turn sell to the consumer, are required to obtain a license from the United States food administration, no matter what the amount of their sales.

These licenses may be obtained by addressing the Law Department, License Division, United States Food Administration, Washington, D. C.

Hucksters or peddlers who sell from house to house for immediate use of the consumer, require no license, unless their business amounts to $100,000 or more annually.

REPORT OF DISASTER AT ST. JOHN DISPELLED

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 26.—The exploding of cartridges during a fire in a hardware store here today caused reports that a catastrophe had occurred in the city. The reports were quickly dispelled when the cause of the explosions was learned.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Division 1 of the A.O.H. is making a strenuous effort to increase its membership and Dr. Patrick J. Bagley has been appointed chairman of a campaign committee to conduct the drive. A meeting was held last evening and tentative arrangements were discussed. Another meeting has been called for tomorrow evening and more detailed plans will be made known.

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LOWELL BOY'S NAME ON LIST OF MISSING

Verifying the belief of his mother as expressed in The Sun, several days ago, word has been received that John J. O'Donnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew O'Donnell of 54 Manchester street, was among those on board the American destroyer Manley when it collided with a British warship recently. O'Donnell is reported missing with 16 other members of the crew. The last letter received from him came on Feb. 23, and said that he was spending a furlough with his aunt in Manchester, England.

The following telegram from the navy department was received at the O'Donnell home this morning:

Washington, D. C., March 25, 1918.
Bartholomew O'Donnell, 54 Manchester street, Lowell, Mass.

The bureau deeply regrets to inform you that report just received advises



JOHN JOSEPH O'DONNELL

that following accident to the U. S. Manley on March 19 a number of men disappeared and the name of John Joseph O'Donnell, seaman, second class, U. S. navy, appears on the list of missing. In view of the nature of the accident and the time that has elapsed without hearing anything from John Joseph O'Donnell, the bureau is reluctantly compelled to believe that he has lost his life. The bureau extends to you sincere sympathy and if any future information is received you will be advised.

John Joseph O'Donnell was a graduate of the Sacred Heart school and a former member of the Indian club. He was 21 years old and enlisted last June. He leaves besides his mother and father, six sisters, Mrs. Edward J. Shaughnessy, Josephine, Marcella, Mary, Alice and Margaret O'Donnell and two brothers, James and William.

Another Lowell boy, John Lovell of 32 Boisvert street, is also thought to have been aboard the Manley, but no news has been received about him.

DEATHS

CRYAN—The many friends of Martin and Margaret A. Maloney Cryan will be grieved to learn of the death of their daughter Katherine, who passed away this morning at St. John's hospital after a brief illness, aged 12 years, 6 months, 23 days. Deceased was born in this city and was a pupil at the Pawtucketville school where she was dearly beloved by both schoolmates and teachers. Besides her parents she leaves three sisters, Miss Mary E., Mrs. Ralph B. Corkran and Miss Margaret G. Cryan, and three brothers, John J. with the American Expeditionary Forces somewhere in France, Martin C. and James P. Cryan. The body was taken to her home, 90 White street by Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

KANE—The funeral of John J. Kane took place this morning from his home, 420 Broadway, at 9 o'clock, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church where a high mass of requiem was sung at 9.45 o'clock by Rev. Joseph Curtin. There were many beautiful floral tributes. In attendance at the funeral was the following delegation from the Flushing club: Florence Murphy, John Frain, William Sullivan and John Barry. Broadway Social Athletic club was represented by Michael Kelley and John Hannafin. The bearers were James Shugrue, John Hannifin, Patrick Harrigan, Robert Ganley, Michael Kelley and Representative Denis A. Murphy. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. Joseph Curtin read the committal prayers. Undertaker Peter H. Savage was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

WHOLEY—The funeral of Timothy Wholey took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his home, 3 rear of 70 Andrews street, and was very largely attended, many relatives and friends being present from Boston and Revere. The cortege proceeded to the Sacred Heart church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I. Rev. James McDermott, O.M.I., occupied a seat in the sanctuary. There were many beautiful floral offerings, also many spiritual remembrances. There was a delegation from Branch O'Neil-Crowley, Irish National Foresters, consisting of the following members: James Cryan, Daniel Moynahan and John Norton, and from Div. 11, A.O.H., Patrick Linehan, Patrick Connolly and John Burns. The bearers were Messrs. Daniel Sullivan and Michael Molloy, representing the Holy Name society, Joseph F. Garrity and Bartholomew O'Donnell from Div. 11, A.O.H., and Charles J. Shanley and Martin O'Flaherty from the Irish National Foresters. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Flynn read the committal prayers at the grave. Funeral Director James W. McKenna was in charge of the arrangements.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CRYAN—The funeral of Miss Katherine Cryan will take place Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her home, 90 White street. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. A mass of requiem will be sung at St. Columba's church, the date to be announced later. Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons in charge of arrangements.

HAMBLIN—Died in this city, March 24, at 2 rear 94 First street, William Hamblin, aged 4 years, 4 months and 8 days. Funeral services will be held from the home of his parents, William and Clara Hamblin, 2 rear 94 First street, on Wednesday, March 27, at 3 o'clock. Friends invited. Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mary Hamblin.

HURLEY—The funeral of John J. Hurley will take place Thursday afternoon from his late home, 113 Concord street. There will be a mass of requiem at the Immaculate Conception church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers John F. Rogers.

MURCH—Died in this city March 24 at the Lowell Corporation hospital, Mrs. Annie L. Murch, aged 78 years, 1 month, 21 days. Funeral services will be held from the rooms of Undertakers Young & Blake Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private.

WILSON—Died March 25 in Kenwood, Dracut, George H. Wilson, aged 1 year, 9 months and 4 days, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wilson on the Lawrence road. Funeral services will be held at the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, 79 Branch street, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private.

YOUNG—Died in this city, March 24 at her home, 17 Manahan street, Mrs. Lois J. Young, aged 81 years, 11 months. Funeral services will be held from the Worthen Street Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dear parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roarke, March 26, 1912; April 26, 1914. Gone but not forgotten by

KATHERINE, MARGARET, ALICE.

TO BORROW $50,000

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tition was referred after it was found that there were no remonstrants.

The New England Telephone Co., the Lowell Electric Light Corp. and the Postal Telegraph Co. petitioned for permission to erect and maintain 51 poles in Lawrence street between Agawam and Boylston streets and a hearing was set for April 9.

John J. Bravacos filed a claim for personal injuries and his claim was referred to the mayor and city solicitor. Manuel J. Avila of 38 Chippewa street was appointed a measurer of wood, etc.

On the petition of the George W. Harris Co. for a gasoline license in Perkins street a hearing was set for April 16. Similar action was taken on the gasoline and garage petitions of Henry A. Smith and the Lowell Cycle Shop.

An order relating to the watering and oiling of streets for the year 1918 was adopted, the expense of the work to be borne by the abutters. Mr. Morse said the oil companies will not let out any bid, but he expects the visit of a representative of one company tomorrow. He said the watering cars will go out April 1 but arrangements will have to be made with the Bay State Street Railway Co. for conductors and motormen.

The city clerk's bond of $3000 was received and accepted.

Mrs. W. Parker of 35 C street filed a claim for personal injuries. She claimed she fell on the sidewalk in Chelmsford street on Feb. 9 and fractured her ankle. She claimed she also injured her head and back. The claim was referred.

An order appropriating $3000 for the claim department was adopted.

$50,000 Paving Loan

An order for the borrowing of $50,000 for block paving was presented by the commissioner of streets and highways, the loan being for ten years.

Mr. Morse read the following vote in relation to the loan:

Whereas, the principal sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) is this day voted to be borrowed, and the same having been appropriated for the purpose of providing for the permanent construction of stone block pavement in the city of Lowell, and said sum being accredited to an appropriation designated and called an "appropriation for the construction of stone block permanent pavement":

Now, therefore, it is voted that the construction of the stone block permanent pavement to be undertaken during the current year shall be confined to the following named streets, at the estimated costs therefor designated hereinafter:

First:—Finish Appleton street at an estimated cost of $10,000.

Second:—To block pave Central street from Church street to Hosford square at an estimated cost of $25,000.

Third:—To block pave Marginal street from Wilder street to Middlesex street at an estimated cost of $10,000.

(Central and Marginal streets to be done simultaneously).

Fourth:—To block pave Lawrence street from Rogers street to Watson street at an estimated cost of $10,000.

The said appropriation already having a sufficient balance, which, together with the loan thus provided, will carry on the work contemplated by this vote.

The municipal council establishes the above direction as its policy; being influenced on the grounds of public convenience and necessity, and

It is voted, moreover, that the commissioner of streets and highways carry out said policy and cause the work to be done as sequentially set forth, pursuant to this vote.

The order was adopted. The mayor said he believed that paving should start from the centre of the city.

About Marginal street he said he secured data concerning the trucking on that street on the part of the companies, whose plants are on that street, and he was surprised to learn that so much business was going on in that thoroughfare and he said he now feels the street should be paved. The mayor also referred to the annual payroll of the Bay State Co. which is $500,000 and that of the Columbia Textile Co. which is $100,000.

Mr. Morse referred to Lawrence street and said it should be widened, but the mayor said the abutters were not willing to remove their buildings and he did not believe in pushing it down their throats.

The meeting adjourned until next Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

EAGLES START CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

A very interesting special meeting of the Lowell aerie of Eagles was held last night with Worthy President John A. Calnan in the chair.

The meeting was called for the purpose of making arrangements for the recruiting contest, which is about to be started in connection with the opening of the charter.

Two teams were appointed and at the close of the contest the team bringing in the most number of "recruits" will be the guests of the losing team at a dinner. The membership of the aerie at present is 1850 and the slogan of both teams is 2000 members by May 15, at which time the contest will be brought to a close.

The teams are as follows: David J. Hackett, captain; Timothy J. Barry, James J. Bowen, George Messian, David Longley, George Swallow, Cornelius T. O'Keefe, William A. Mack, William J. Eastman, William F. Carey, John J. Driscoll, James J. Donnelly, John E. Greene, Joseph Hughes, John E. Fay and Joseph Lynch.

William A. Walsh, captain; James J. McCormack, Edward F. Flanagan, Jas. T. McMahon, John M. Hogan, James J. Ward, Martin J. Crowe, William H. Donohue, Edwin Reed, James F. Roarke, John J. Linane, James Kirkpatrick, Thomas F. Quinn, John A. Calnan, Peter F. Brady and John O'Loughlin.

The quarterly meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at which time reports of the officers will be read.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

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The assistant assessors, who were elected at a recent meeting of the board of assessors were notified this morning to report for duty at the office of the assessors at city hall at 8.45 o'clock next Monday morning.

The sounding of an automatic alarm at the U. S. Bobbin & Shuttle Co. in Rogers street about 8.06 o'clock last night gave the members of Engine 4 a needless run to that plant. There was no fire.

The ambulance was called to the Boott mills about 8.45 o'clock this morning and removed Artimis Kazgha, a woman employe, who was suffering from lacerations of the scalp, to the Lowell Corporation hospital.

Mayor Thompson has written a letter to the moving picture houses of the city requesting them to suspend performances next Friday, Good Friday. The mayor said he believes that the day should be observed in a very quiet manner and he is of the opinion that the theatrical men of the city will take kindly to his request.

Albert Desrosiers, aged 12 years and residing at 72 Lakeview avenue, broke his right leg while playing on what is known as Bunker Hill in West Sixth street about 8.30 o'clock this morning. The ambulance was summoned and the boy was taken to the Lowell Corporation hospital where he received treatment.

More than 3200 names have been gone over by the teachers who have been engaged in the clerical work at Division 3 and the members of that exemption board are extremely grateful for the assistance rendered by the young women, whose services were gratis. The work, which was done in spare hours, has been completed much to the satisfaction of the board.

DR. MUCK HELD AS ENEMY ALIEN

BOSTON, March 26.—After a night in a Boston police station, Dr. Karl Muck, conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra, was taken today before United States District Attorney Thomas J. Boynton and other federal officials for questioning. Dr. Muck was taken into custody last night by department of justice agents as an enemy alien, but no statement was forthcoming as to the grounds for this action.

It was reported that Dr. Muck's secretary a few days ago applied at the office of the clerk of the United States district court for blank applications for passports for Dr. and Mrs. Muck. Pending orders disposing of his case, it is expected Dr. Muck will be committed to the county jail at East Cambridge, where federal prisoners customarily are sent.

Dr. Muck, although claiming to be a Swiss citizen, was born in Bavaria, and, according to a statement by Assistant United States District Attorney Judd Dewey, this made it possible to hold him as an enemy alien under the president's proclamation.

Charges that Dr. Muck, for many years conductor at the Imperial Opera House at Berlin before he came to this country by leave of Emperor William, had been actively pro-German became widespread last November when it was alleged that at a concert in Providence the orchestra had been asked to play "The Star Spangled Banner" and that Dr. Muck had refused. Since that time engagements of the orchestra in several cities have been cancelled because of popular opposition.

At the office of Major Henry L. Higginson, patron of the Boston Symphony orchestra it was said today by his secretary that Major Higginson would make no statement on the arrest of Dr. Muck.

It was said that Major Higginson was in conference at his home on Commonwealth avenue with members of the orchestra on changes in arrangements made necessary by the arrest of Dr. Muck.

How Muck Got Swiss Papers

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The citizenship of Dr. Karl Muck has been a subject of discussion in the diplomatic corps here for some time. It is generally understood that while the holder of Swiss papers he is a Prussian in fact.

As explained by one member of the corps today, Dr. Muck's father, when the son was 6 or 8 years old, went to the canton of Zug and obtained by purchase papers entitling him to Swiss citizenship.

He did that, it is said, to obtain the protection of the Swiss government in his business which was largely in Switzerland and also to keep his son from being taken into the Prussian army when he arrived at the age of conscription. The Swiss naturalization laws are administered in many cases by the cantons and in some of these the regulations are very lenient, making it possible for anyone to buy naturalization papers without being compelled to exercise all the preliminary duties of citizens.

Daily Bulletin From War Work Headquarters

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All members of Lowell Aerie are requested to be present at the home of our late brother, John J. Hurley, 113 Concord street, tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 7.45 o'clock, where the exercises of our order will be held.

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NEW YORK SHAKEN BY VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS

NEW YORK, March 26.—This city was shaken and alarmed by three or four violent explosions at 3.06 o'clock this afternoon. The sounds came from the direction of New Jersey.

The explosions continued rapidly. A column of smoke arose in Jersey City.

Flames shot up with the smoke high enough to be visible over the tops of buildings.

As far as could be seen, the explosions were occurring in railroad freight yards on the Jersey waterfront. They were presumably caused by ignition of war materials.

EXPLOSIONS NEAR MUNITION DOCKS

NEW YORK, March 26.—The smoke and flames rose from docks next the Erie railroad ferry where steamships load with ammunition. At 3.15 o'clock the explosions had ceased.

Thousands Rush Into Streets

Thousands of people in New York rushed into the streets fearing a catastrophe like the Black Tom explosion here two years ago. The detonations were, however, not so violent as on that occasion. Roofs of New York skyscrapers were quickly crowded with people watching the fire.

Report Munition Trains Blown Up

Early reports from Jersey City were that several freight cars loaded with ammunition had blown up and that a number of buildings had been destroyed or were on fire.

It was impossible to get immediate telephone communication with Jersey City to learn the details.

Buildings Tremble

While the explosions were enough to cause buildings in New York to tremble, no damage was done here, as far as had been reported at 3.30 p. m.

One report was that the explosions occurred in a train of freight cars, loaded with ammunition, which had been run onto a siding on Pavonia ave, New Jersey.

The Erie railroad offices here announced that the explosions had occurred in their yard in Jersey City, but they had no details.

British and French Forces Firmly Resist Desperate Attacks by German Masses

ENEMY TROOPS MOWED DOWN BY BRITISH

Germans Coming Forward in Waves Met With Same Fate As Old Guard at Waterloo

LONDON, March 26.—Exacting the heaviest toll for every foot of ground, the British line continues to withdraw slowly before the pressure of the German masses, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters wires.

Over a large part of the battle zone the retirement is being made voluntarily so as to maintain an unbroken front. Prisoners say the advance of the Germans is behind their schedule.

The tenacity of the British resistance, the prisoners say, exceeded anything the Germans deemed possible. They complain of great privations on account of lack of supplies and extreme weariness also is telling heavily. Owing to the dense masses of supporting troops, however, the enemy is able to replenish his forward line with fresh units.

The weather remains dry, thus favoring the enemy.

British airmen last night made veritable pandemonium of every centre of concentration of traffic behind the German front. Tens of thousands of rounds were fired point blank into enemy formations, while airmen fulfilled effectively their role as eyes of the artillery.

Yesterday was the supreme day for the British gunners, says the correspondent. Attacking from north of Ervillers to the point of British contact with the French, the Germans were held up nearly everywhere by the ceaseless intensity of the British artillery fire.

Masses of enemy troops which, coming forward in waves, tried again and again to reach their objectives, met with the same fate as the old guard at Waterloo. In only one sector, near Sanignies, did they succeed in bending back the British front. It was to conform the front with this indentation that the British fell back during the night, straightening the line.

Big Events Impending in Near Future Expected to Turn Tide in Favor of Allies

Germany Paying Heavily for Every Foot of Ground Wrested From Allied Armies—70 Enemy Divisions in Battle—Losses so Great Enemy Forced to Bring up Fresh Troops From All Parts of Western Front —New Attacks Launched Today— —British Resistance Stiffens

Although still giving ground at points before the desperate German drive, the British and French armies engaged in the great battle in northern France are preserving their united front intact and apparently awaiting the opportune moment for the delivery of a counter blow to dispel the German dream of world domination.

Big events are impending in the immediate future and advices from the front indicate that these are expected to develop favorably to the allies.

All accounts agree that Germany is paying heavily for every foot of ground she has wrested from the allied armies.

70 German Divisions in Battle

Field Marshal Haig's report reveals that more than 70 divisions or between 800,000 and 900,000 men, have already been engaged in the battle on the German side, and the widespread call for fresh troops makes it plain that the fighting forces are being rapidly used up in the terrific onslaught.

The rearward movement in the face of the Teutonic attack has now brought the allied armies well toward the edge of their former battle lines in the Somme area and in the devastated region to the southeast.

British Resistance Stiffens

British resistance to the mighty German blow west of Cambrai apparently is stiffening. The Germans, despite the new masses of reserves which are being hurled into the battle line continuously are slowing up on some parts of the attacking front before the defense of Field Marshal Haig.

Germans Slow Up

On the extreme north and in the center the German progress has been appreciably slower, while around Bapaume on the old battlefield of the Somme and east and north of Noyon the enemy has made gains but only at the cost of a fearful toll exacted by machine guns and artillery. The fighting on these sectors continues of the most severe character.

Germans Suffer Heavy Losses

Southeast of Arras the British line has yielded only about three miles at the greatest depth since Saturday. Immediately west of the Somme, south of Peronne, the Germans suffered heavily in forcing a crossing of the river and seemingly have not been able to advance as fast as they did before the river was reached.

Gain May Prove Menace to Germans

In the Bapaume region the Germans have driven a long salient in toward Longueval and have widened it somewhat southward in the direction of Peronne. Unless the salient is widened still more it may prove a menace of the enemy as the British line still is holding well to the north and the south.

British and French Resist Enemy

On the lowlying ground between the Somme and the Oise, where the French have come to assist the British, the Germans have reached Nesle and Guiscard, the British and French falling back under orders but resisting the oncoming enemy forces strongly. Around Chauny the Germans apparently have made no effort to cross the Oise and strike south and the French north of the Oise probably are falling back to it toward the old line as it existed before the German retreat of last March.

British Escape Jaws of "Pincers"

In their original attack the Germans made their strongest efforts immediately west of Cambrai and between St. Quentin and La Fere, and drove forward on these sectors in the form of the well known "pincers" operations. The British, however, met this by retiring in the center toward the Somme, eluding the jaws of the "pincers" and forcing the German advance to take the form of a wedge with a blunt apex and wide wings.

Germans Exposed to Flank Attacks

As the battle line now stands it is not much greater in length than the line which the Germans attacked, but the enemy now has exposed his front to flank attacks both from the north and the south. In five days the Germans have advanced over approximately two-thirds of the territory devastated and made almost a barren

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GOVERNMENT TO OCCUPY MILL BUILDINGS HERE

The quartermaster's department of the regular army has chosen Lowell as a sub-depot for the storage of military textiles manufactured in this city, Lawrence and Holyoke. Two buildings belonging to the Massachusetts mills and totalling 88,000 square feet of floor space have been taken over for the purpose and Capt. H. A. Eldredge of the quartermaster department has been assigned to Lowell to have general charge of the work. He is being assisted by C. C. Keleher as superintendent of employment.

It is expected that approximately 300 men will be employed in the work and Capt. Eldredge will be assisted by a lieutenant if the volume of business demands it. Men are wanted for general storage work such as loading, unloading, etc.

The depot is being opened in Lowell merely as a matter of convenience for the quartermaster department and the local mills which are working on government contracts. Heretofore, Lowell mills have had to ship their goods to Boston where several storehouses are located and the congestion there has become so great that it was deemed expedient to open a sub-depot near the "base of supplies."

The depots in Boston are getting goods faster than they can handle them and the local station will serve as an outlet for some of these manufactured textiles. Army shirtings and similar goods will be stored here, but Capt. Eldredge did not believe that materials for uniforms would be taken care of in this city.

It is expected that the depot will become permanent and if so, employment will undoubtedly be offered to a large number of men.

VOTE TO BORROW $50,000 FOR STREET PAVING

A $50,000 paving loan was voted at the regular meeting of the municipal council held this morning, while a list of streets to be paved during the year, as presented by Commissioner Morse was approved. An appropriation of $3000 for the claim department was also made and considerable routine business was transacted.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 10 o'clock by Mayor Thompson with all members present.

The Lowell Electric Light Corp. was given a hearing on its petition for the erection of a pole on Windsor street and there being no remonstrants the petition was referred. A hearing was also held on the petition of Mrs. J. L. Chalifoux for permission to maintain a garage in Wilder street and the pe-

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NOT GUILTY OF TREASON

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—A verdict of not guilty in the treason trial of Louis Werner and Dr. Martin Darkow, editors of the Philadelphia Tageblatt, a German language daily newspaper, was today ordered by Judge Dickinson in the United States court here. The judge said there was not sufficient evidence of guilt to warrant sending the case to the jury.

Before taking your train home from Boston get The Sun at either newsstand in the North station.

Knights of Columbus

MEMBERS OF LOWELL COUNCIL, NO. 72

Knights of Columbus, will please meet at the K. of C. quarters at 8.30 this evening and go from there to the house of our late brother, Timothy Nolan, 11 Crowley street, there to take part in the exercises to be conducted by our chaplain. Brother Nolan was a member of the Lynn Council.

ROBERT R. THOMAS, Grand Knight.

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U.S. AIRPLANE PROGRAM BEHIND SCHEDULE

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Senator New, republican, Indiana, speaking in the senate today, declared that instead of 12,000 combat airplanes being delivered in France by July, as provided in the original airplane program, the number would amount to only 37.

RUSSIANS ARE FIGHTING AGAINST GERMANS

LONDON, March 26.—Resumption of fighting in Ukraine between the Germans and the Bolsheviki is reported in a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. The Bolsheviki are said to have recaptured the city of Kherson.

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TABLES FOR LADIES

DIED IN LAWRENCE

Miss Olive Cleveland of this city has been notified of the death of her sister, Miss Jennie C. Cleveland, which occurred Sunday at the family home in Lawrence. Besides a sister in this city, deceased is survived by three other sisters, Misses Carrie and Myrtle Cleveland and Mrs. William Cullin and two brothers, Charles and Frank Cleveland, all of Lawrence.

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DISTINGUISHED FRENCH OFFICERS HERE

Three distinguished French officers, Capt. Eugene Dutholt, Lieut. Charles Flory and Sergt. Joseph Dobelles, members of a French mission, which is touring Canada and the United States in an endeavor to raise funds for the wounded officers of the French army, arrived in Lowell this afternoon as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rene J. B. DeLys of 9 Burlington avenue and this evening they will lecture at the C.M.A. C. hall in Pawtucket street.

The officers came to Lowell under the auspices of l'Alliance Francaise of the United States, coming from Manchester, N. H., where yesterday afternoon they were tendered a grand civic reception at city hall by Mayor Moise Berrette and the board of aldermen. Last evening they lectured in a large hall in the Queen City.

The trio arrived in this city this afternoon and were met at the railroad station by Mr. and Mrs. DeLys and later were entertained at luncheon at the home of the Lowell couple.

The lecture this evening will be conducted at 8 o'clock and the assembly will be presided over by Mr. DeLys. Capt. Dutholt will speak on the "Belgian Martyr," while Lieut. Flory will give an interesting talk on "Alsace-Lorraine." Sergt. Dobelle will render a number of French trench songs. There will be no admission fee and the public is invited to attend. A collection will be taken up in the hall in the course of the evening.

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LONG RANGE GUN MADE IN AUSTRIA

GENEVA, March 25.—(By the Associated Press)—The long range guns bombarding Paris, according to a Vienna despatch received here, are of Austrian manufacture, having been built at the Skoda factory.

The gun itself is not new but its novelty comes from a new type of shell and the explosive gases used in the gun. There are said to be only two or three of the guns.

ONE OF GREATEST SURPRISES OF WAR

LONDON, March 26.—In the "mystery gun" the name generally given to the weapon with which the Germans are bombarding Paris from a distance estimated at 75 miles, it is frankly conceded by experts the enemy has sprung one of the greatest surprises of the war.

Gen. Sir Desmond O'Callaghan, formerly president of the army ordnance department says:

"The projectiles must have been fired from longer and heavier guns and with a more powerful propellant than we have any knowledge of."

From Paris has come the suggestion that the extraordinary range of the gun is due to the projectile being provided with a second charge which explodes when the first stage of the flight is completed, giving it a fresh impetus. This theory is scouted by Gen. O'Callaghan, as is also the variant of it, that the projectile is fitted with a propeller enabling it to continue its journey when it is no longer driven by the projecting force from the gun.

"It would seem," he says, "that the new departure in ballistics can alone explain the enormous range which is three times that of anything hitherto accomplished."

Another expert estimates that the weight of the projectile is about 880 pounds and that it leaves the gun with a muzzle velocity of about 4000 feet per second, the gun having an elevation of about 65 degrees, "which very quickly takes the projectile into a stratum of rarified air in which resistance is greatly minimized." The strain upon the gun, he says must be enormous, and probably it would be unable to survive more than a hundred rounds at the most, the cost of each being nearly £1000.

All the experts agree that at such a tremendous range, even approximate accuracy is out of the question and therefore the gun is only of use where a target is presented on a vast scale like Paris. The object aimed at, they say, is rather more moral than material, but in both respects the gun is likely to prove less effective than airplane raiders.

LOWELL WOMEN CHARGED WITH PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED

Eight women were summoned into police court this morning to answer to complaints charging them with practicing medicine without being registered. They were Helen Mavracki, Dunatra Macrapoulos, Elizabet Lascaris, Lina Hopner, Georgianna Perry, Mary Korkucki, Anna Paduch and Mary Sullivan, but by agreement between the government and counsel for the defense the cases were continued until April 10.

The commission of registration of medicine of this state has been waging war against people who have been practicing midwifery and learning that there were several women in this city who had been practicing detailed State Officer Arthur E. Keating to make an investigation. During the past several weeks that official has made a number of trips to this city, located people who it is alleged had been practicing midwifery, looked over the returns of births at city hall and upon interviewing people who had engaged these women got enough of data to cause eight women to be brought before the court.

WOMAN ARRAIGNED ON LARCENY CHARGE

Celia Glennie was arraigned before Judge Enright in police court this morning on a charge of larceny, it being alleged that she stole about $100 worth of clothing, the property of Mrs. Frederic C. Church of Belmont ave. Through her counsel the hearing of the case was continued for one week.

The Glennie woman, who is 30 years of age, had been employed as a domestic at the Church house and it is alleged that from time to time she stole articles of wearing apparel. When the police were notified Sergts. McCloughrey and Wilson went to a room where the woman was stopping and recovered a large amount of clothing. When brought to the police station Miss Glennie had over $500 in money on her person besides bank books with accounts amounting to over $1200.

Hyman Kosasky was charged with violation of the automobile law by allowing the engine of his machine running while unattended. He was found guilty and a fine of $5 imposed.

Joseph Confrat who was found guilty of assault and battery on his wife was given a suspended sentence of four months in the house of correction.

GERMAN TANKS

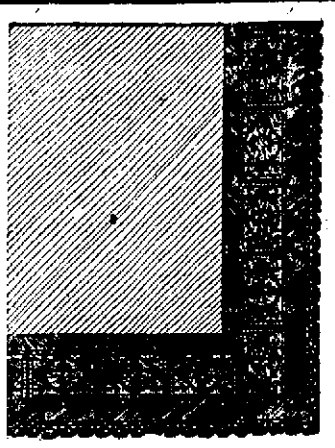
Took Part In Breaking Enemy Resistance, Says Berlin

BERLIN, March 25, via London—German tanks, reinforced by captured British tanks, says a semi-official statement today on Sunday's fighting in the west, "took a leading part in breaking the brave enemy resistance."

Tanks attached to the German divisions fighting below St. Quentin stood the test brilliantly, the statement says, and their mobility was universally praised. All the tanks which took part in the fighting are said to have returned undamaged. It was mainly due to their intervention, the statement continues, that the tenacious resistance of the British, especially the machine gun nests, was broken quickly. Troops manning a concrete redoubt near Ervillers are reported to have been overpowered immediately by the tanks.

SEIZE DUTCH SHIPS IN CANADIAN PORT

A CANADIAN PORT, March 26.—Two Dutch steamers that have been lying in port here for some time were taken over by naval authorities last night under the order recently issued for the seizure of Dutch ships in allied ports. The Dutch flag, however, was left flying on the ships and the Dutch crews were allowed to remain on board until transportation could be obtained for them. The ships register about 2000 tons each and have full cargoes aboard.

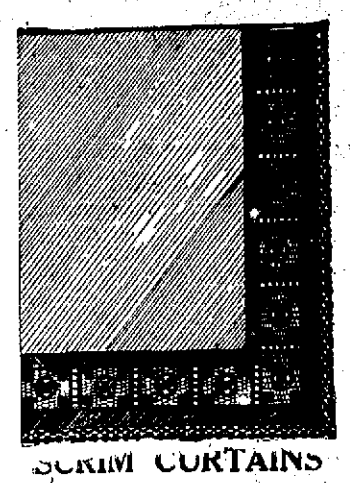


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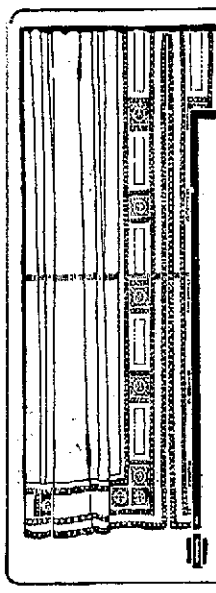
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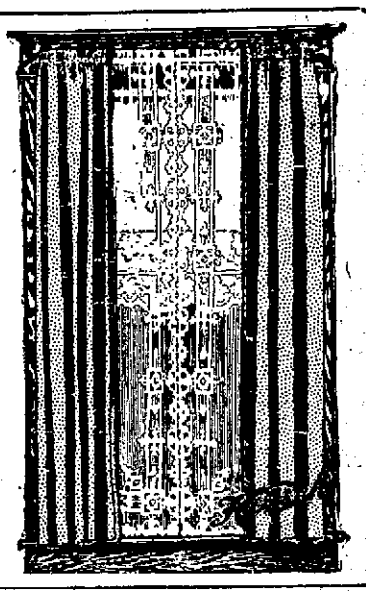


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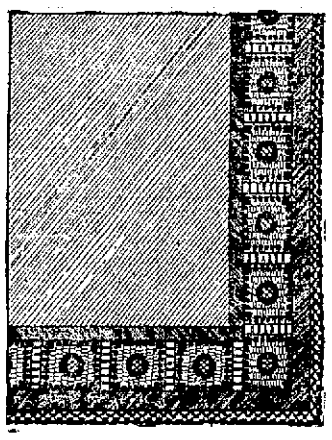


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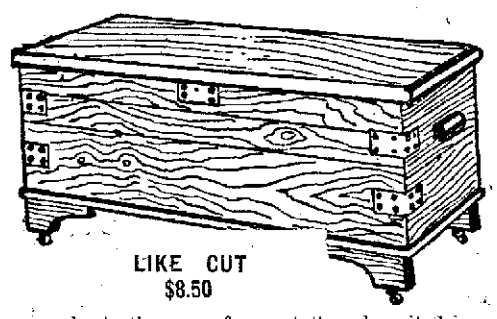


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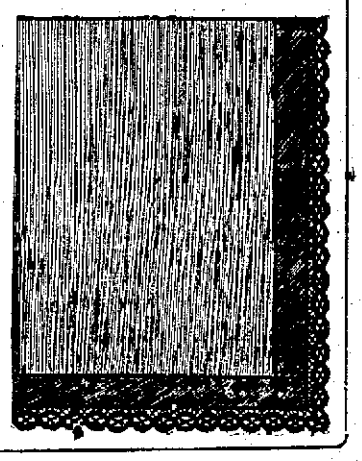
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THIRD LOAN THREE BILLION

Sec. McAdoo Announces Next Liberty Loan Will Open Apr. 6—Rate Four and Quarter Per Cent

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The third Liberty Loan, to open April 6, will be for $3,000,000,000 and all oversubscriptions, at 4½ per cent. interest.

Bonds of the first loan, bearing 3½ per cent. interest, and of the second loan at 4 per cent., may be converted into the new bonds, but those of the third loan will not be convertible into any future issue.

This announcement was made last night by Secretary McAdoo, with the comment that "the great events now happening in France must fire the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and all the material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism."

In connection with the loan the secretary plans to establish a sinking fund with which to purchase back any bonds of the third loan thrown on the market, in order to aid in keeping the price up to par. The maturity of the bonds is yet to be determined, but it was officially stated they would be long term, probably between 20 and 30 years.

Surprise at Size

Other features which will be settled as soon as congress passes the necessary authorizing legislation are the length of the campaign and the terms of payments on the bonds.

Most financial observers were surprised at the comparatively small size of the loan and at the interest rate, both of which they had expected to be higher. Reduction of government expenditures and allied loans below former estimates is responsible for the loan's size. Secretary McAdoo explained. He said the bonds were made non-convertible to put an end to expectations of higher interest rates in the future, indicating his purpose to maintain the 4¼ rate for future loans.

Will Rush Legislation

Legislation will be drafted today by Chairman Kitchin of the house ways and means committee to provide for an additional bond authorization of $4,500,000,000 more than the $3,000,000,000 sum already authorized but unissued, for the increased interest rate for continuance of loans to the allies this summer and for issuance of more than the $4,000,000,000 certificates of indebtedness now authorized. An effort will be made to rush this legislation through both houses this week so that final plans may be made for the third Liberty Loan and the engraving of the bond faces by the first of next week. No opposition to the legislation is looked for in either house.

In announcing the loan last night, Secretary McAdoo made the following statement:

"The secretary of the treasury in a conference with Mr. Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee, yesterday outlined his plan for third Liberty Loan. Actual expenditures of the United States government and of the allied governments having been much less than had been indicated by the estimates, the amount of the next loan will be only $3,000,000,000, the right being reserved to allot over-subscriptions.

Four and Quarter Per Cent.

The secretary will ask authority from congress to issue bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4¼ per cent. per annum, acceptable at par and accrued interest in payment of United States inheritance taxes and having the benefit of a sinking fund of 5 per cent. per annum during the period of the war and for one year thereafter.

"It is the belief of the secretary that the rate now proposed is sufficient and that, by restricting unnecessary capital issues and by inducing the people who subscribe for Liberty bonds to save them and keep them for investment by purchases with the sinking fund from those who find themselves compelled to sell, further increases in the interest rate may be avoided.

"In order to put an end to the expectation of higher interest rate, it is proposed that conversion privileges shall be eliminated from the new bonds, but the holders of Liberty bonds of all existing issues will be given an opportunity to convert their bonds into the new 4 1-4 per cent. bonds.

Hasten Kaiser's Defeat

"In addition to the foregoing principal items of the proposed program, congress will be asked for authority to issue bonds to the amount of $4,500,000,000 in addition to those now authorized, in order to provide for future issues; for authority to issue additional treasury certificates of indebtedness, for authority to make additional loans to the allied governments during the summer and for authority to deposit income and excess profits taxes with national banks throughout the United States in the same manner as the proceeds of the Liberty loans.

"I am sure that the people will respond to the third Liberty loan with the same loyalty and enthusiasm that characterized their support of the first two loans. The great events now happening in France must fire the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism. Defeat faces the kaiser. Let us hasten it by asserting America's might with increased vigor in concert with our gallant comrades."

Expected $5,000,000,000

Most bankers and business men with whom Secretary McAdoo has conferred recently indicated that they expected a loan of about $5,000,000,000 at an interest rate higher than 4 1-4 per cent. They brought word that the country was ready to absorb that amount.

Secretary McAdoo's advisers were not unanimous in their opinion of what the interest rate should be, but practically all agreed that money market conditions would be less disturbed by a 4 1-4 per cent. raise than by 4 1-2. The sinking fund provision of the third loan, which the first and second issues did not have, is expected to prove a strong influence in preventing bonds from falling far below par, as other issues already have done.

The necessity for further authorization for certificates for indebtedness arises from the fact that about $3,250,000,000 already are outstanding and the treasury plans to issue more than $1,000,000,000 more before the third loan closes, while the maximum authorized under the present law is $4,000,000,000.

Loans to Allies

Credits to allies now amount to $4,960,600,000 and about $2,000,000,000 authorized loans yet remain to be executed. This would not be sufficient to continue the rate of $500,000,000 a month through the summer months and consequently an additional authorization is asked by Secretary McAdoo. The amount of this will be determined by congress.

The legislation to deposit tax collections with banks is sought as a measure to prevent big accumulations of funds in the treasury when taxes are due in June.

Most officials believe that despite the low goal set by Secretary McAdoo, actual subscriptions will far exceed $3,000,000,000. The first loan of $2,000,000,000 was over-subscribed by more than $1,000,000,000, but none of the over-subscription was accepted. The second loan was for a minimum of $3,000,000,000 and only one-half of the $1,617,000,000 over-subscription was taken. The first bonds mature in 30 years, but may be redeemed at the call of the treasury in 15 years. The second bonds mature in 25 years, but may be redeemed in 10 years.

Alternative, Heavier Tax

Commenting on the interest rate of 4 1-4 per cent., Chairman Kitchin said last night: "If the people are not willing to lend the government money at that rate in these times, heavier taxation is the only alternative."

A measure to encourage the sale of Liberty bonds by removing the limit of loans which national banks may make to a borrower who wishes to buy bonds, was reported to the house yesterday by Chairman Glass of the banking and currency committee.

Secretary McAdoo had endorsed the bill in a letter saying:

"I am told that there are a good many banks which will, because of this limitation, decline to make loans where their customers desire to subscribe. It also furnished a convenient excuse for those who do not want to assist in the Liberty loan campaigns."

As director-general of railroads, Mr. McAdoo yesterday asked the railroads under government control to report on the amount of Liberty bonds of each issue bought as investments or for employes the amounts now held, and the amount sold, together with the disposition and sale price.

ALARMIST REPORTS

Spread by Germans Around Battle Zones in France

LONDON, March 26.—German agents are spreading alarmist reports among the civil population around the battle zone in northern France, according to a despatch from the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters dated Monday. These persons are being dealt with summarily when caught. Concerning the fighting, the correspondent says:

"The spirit and the determination of the British troops are excellent. The enemy losses have been enormous. The situation in many places remains very confused, which is natural in fighting that has assumed more of the character of a war movement than at any time since the days of the Marne."

SELL FUEL AT COST

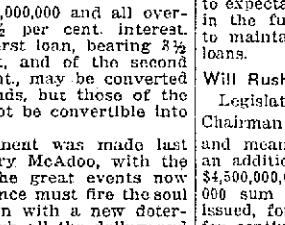
ORONO, Me., March 26.—The annual town meeting yesterday voted to establish a municipal yard for the sale of fuel at cost.

U. S. FLYER FELL TO HIS DEATH

ROME, Saturday, March 26.—The American embassy reports the drowning of Arthur Nelson while flying at a hydro-aviation camp in Central Italy.

Neither the machine nor the body was recovered, the aviator falling straight into the water from a height of 4000 feet. Nelson enlisted at Crosby, Minn.

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GERMAN ARMIES CUT TO PIECES

Enemy Threw Away Thousands of Lives to Overcome British Resistance

Allied Military Experts Confident of Ultimate Victory Over Germans In West

FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, March 25—(By The Associated Press)—Entire confidence reigns that the Germans' last trump in the world battle will be overtrumped when the proper moment comes. The allied military authorities were fully cognizant that the enemy's supreme effort would cause a retreat until measures could be taken to check the irruption into the allied positions.

As always the attackers possessed the advantage of knowing exactly where they would launch their onslaught while the defenders were compelled to await developments of the battle before meeting the onrush with counter measures. There is every sign in today's situation that the terrific attack, in which apparently somewhere in the neighborhood of one million Germans of all arms are engaged, is being slackened. The resistance of the allies seems firmer, and the arrival on the scene of French reserves, sent up to the southern flank, brought welcome support to the British, who sustained the first powerful rush.

The German divisions, which began what evidently was intended to be an irresistable forward movement were so cut up that they were replaced by fresh formations. It is these divisions which have been checked at the positions on which it was foreseen by the allied generals that a stand would be made.

The ground over which the fighting has taken place possesses small tactical value, but it permitted the allies to retire in perfect order. It had been devastated by the Germans before they retreated last year, and the inhabitants had not time or means to build it up again. While retiring across what was almost desert land, the British inflicted enormous losses on the enemy who threw away thousands of lives in an effort to overcome the resistence he encountered. When the retiring British reached the Somme and the canal they turned about and gave battle, meeting repeated and long sustained endeavors of both infantry and cavalry.

The initial rush of the enemy seems to have been stopped. Military opinion generally is that this first phase of the great battle in which even more troops were employed than in the battle of the Marne gives no indication what the result will be. Nevertheless developments are awaited by the allies without anxiety.

DEBATE RATIFICATION OF "DRY" AMENDMENT

BOSTON, March 26.—Debate on a bill providing for ratification of the federal prohibition amendment, offered as a substitute for the report of a committee which recommended a referendum, was begun in the house today with the prohibition forces lined up solidly in an effort to have the legislature decide the issue without reference to the people at the next state election. After canvasses of the members' prohibition leaders predicted the lower branch would adopt the substitute with a majority of at least 25 votes but expressed some doubt as to its chances in the senate.

The committee on federal relations, to which were referred a straight referendum and two ratification bills reported 6 to 5 for the former method. The minority members stated that they would renew the fight for ratification on the floor of the house.

Since the petitions were filed early in the session members have been deluged with literature sent by hundreds of citizens and organizations for and against ratification, and prohibition workers announced that if the referendum were adopted they would urge the governor to veto it.

The state house postmaster estimated that more than 5000 telegrams were received during the forenoon by members of the legislature. These came from citizens in every district, urging passage of the ratification or referendum measures.

Crowds went to the state house to hear the debate and several hundred men and women were in the corridors when the spectators' gallery was opened.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS IN PATH OF ONSLAUGHT

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Two regiments of American railroad engineers are attached to the British armies in the path of the German onslaught on the western front, and three companies as yet unheard from, were employed near the Crozat canal, where German official statements mentioned engagements with American troops.

This information, cabled the war department last night by Gen. Pershing, while definitely disposing of reports that Americans had been sent into battle, caused no little anxiety here regarding the fate of the engineers who had not reported.

DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEDULE TO BE USHERED IN BY BELLS AND WHISTLES

At 8 o'clock Saturday night the fire alarm bells will be rung for the purpose of announcing the new schedule of advanced time, which will become effective Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. This action will be taken at the request of Mayor Thompson, who will also request the mills to blow their whistles and ring their bells at the same time. The ringing of bells and blowing of whistles will act as a tip to the residents of this city to advance their clocks and watches one hour.

In relation to the change of time the mayor gave out the following statement this morning:

In order to consistently notify all the inhabitants of the city of Lowell to move their watches and clocks forward one hour in time before the daylight saving schedule goes into effect, I have requested the commissioner of the fire department to cause the fire alarm bells to be rung out at eight o'clock on Saturday night; the new schedule of advanced time becoming effectual on Sunday, March 31st inst. at two o'clock a. m.

The clock on the city hall tower will be advanced one hour, at eight o'clock on Saturday night.

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GERMAN SHIP CUT IN TWO

Details of Naval Engagement Off Dunkirk—British and French Defeat Enemy Fleet

LONDON, March 26.—In the engagement between allied and enemy destroyer squadrons off Dunkirk last Thursday the British destroyer Botha cut a German warship in half and took a leadnig part in the fight, although her main steam pipe had been severed by a stray shell.

Early last Thursday morning the British destroyers Botha and Morris and the French destroyers Capitaine Mehl, Magon and Boucher were patrolling the eastern waters of the English channel when they heard enemy ships bombarding the coast of Dunkirk. They fired star shells which had the effect of silencing the bombardment and scattering the enemy.

The destroyers started in pursuit of the Germans in a northwesterly direction and discovered eventually that the enemy ships were making for their base. A grim fight ensued, according to the stories of eye witnesses. None of the German torpedoes found a mark, but the Morris, emerging from an enemy smoke screen cut off a German destroyer of a large type and torpedoed her at a range of 500 yards. There was an explosion in the enemy vessel and she sank immediately.

Meanwhile the Botha had been crippled and she began to lose her way. The crew determined to do what damage they could and fired both their torpedoes at the two leading enemy boats. Then, her helm having been put hard over the Botha rammed another boat cleanly amidships cutting it in half.

Swinging around the Botha attempted to repeat the ramming maneuver on the next German astern. The enemy craft, however, eluded the effort of the crippled Britisher only to fall a victim to the French destroyers. Ablaze, the German boat lay disabled while the Frenchmen pounded her with torpedoes and gunfire.

The Morris lost the rest of the quarry in the mist and took the lame Botha in tow while the French destroyers circled around, picking up prisoners. From their statements it appears that 18 German craft participated in the raid and when they fled from the French coast leaving three of their number behind they were attacked by a British naval air squadron which pelted them with bombs and scattered them in disorder.

Two German destroyers and two German torpedo boats were believed to have been sunk in the action off Dunkirk, according to an announcement made by the British admiralty on March 21. It was said that no allied vessels were sunk and that one damaged British destroyer had reached port.

1800 SHOE WORKERS STRIKE AT BRISTOL, R. I.

BRISTOL, R. I., March 26.—Eighteen hundred shoe workers employed at the plant of the National India Rubber Co. here struck because union leaders said they were unwilling to accept the new scale of increased wages posted by the company. The new scale, effective today, provided for increases ranging from one-half to one and three-quarters cents a pair.

As a result of the strike the plant was closed at noon throwing 4500 operatives out of work until the differences are adjusted.

The strikers congregated near the gates, but there was no disorder as they were forced to move on by a squad of 50 police officers, many of whom had been engaged by the management.

U. S. SOLDIERS AND MEXICANS IN BATTLE

VAN HORN, Tex., March 26.—Fighting between United States soldiers and Mexican raiders is reported in progress at Nevell's ranch, 43 miles south of Van Horn, where late last night a Mexican woman was killed by the raiders. E. W. Nevell, who was reported killed, now is said to be safe.

SOCIALISTS FEARED — SEAMEN'S UNION OPPOSED TO LABOR CONFERENCE HERE

LONDON, March 26.—The seamen's and firemen's union has decided that its members shall refuse to sail on any ship conveying delegates appointed to the inter-allied labor conference in the United States.

An official of the union said:

"Our opposition to these men is the same as that against Ramsay MacDonald. We will take no one who is opposed to the doctrine that Germany must make compensation to dependents of our murdered merchant seamen."

Camille Huysmans, Belgian socialist leader, and the French delegates to the conference have deferred their departure in view of the pending visit of American delegates to Europe.

When the inter-allied labor conference was held in England last month no American delegates were present. It was accordingly decided to send the delegation of workmen and socialists from England, France and Belgium to the United States to explain the position of labor in those countries.

The Seamen's union last year refused to permit Ramsay MacDonald, member of parliament, to sail on a mission to Russia for the independent labor party, until he had signed a guarantee demanded by the union, on the ground that he was a pacifist.

Official announcement was made in Rome on Sunday that the Italian socialists had declined to participate in the conference in the United States.

RIDE WOMAN ON RAIL

Loyalists Force Her to Wave American Flag

BENTON, Ill., March 26.—Five hundred members of the "Loyalty League" of West Frankfort, near here, late yesterday seized Mrs. Frances Bergen, of Bohemian birth, from municipal officers, rode her on a rail through the main street of the town and compelled her to wave an American flag throughout the demonstration.

At frequent intervals the procession paused while Mrs. Bergen was compelled to shout praise for President Wilson.

The trouble followed a quarrel between the woman and Henry Baker, who charged her with disloyal utterances. Both were arrested and found guilty of assault. Baker's fine was paid by public subscription.

Mrs. Bergen was later held by a United States commissioner for the grand jury.

STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Arthur V. Varnum of 27 Orchard st. called at the police station today and informed the officer in charge that he had accidentally struck with his automobile Daniel Silva of 89 Union st. at the corner of Gorham and Union sts at 11.40 o'clock this forenoon. He also stated that he removed the boy to St. John's hospital in his automobile. It was learned later at the hospital that the boy was suffering from a laceration of the right arm and abrasions on the hip. The boy is now under observation for it is feared he also received internal injuries.

Dr. B. H. Warren, the ornithologist, of West Chester, Penn., has built a private museum for his bird collection. The doctor owns 500 specimens of bird life of this state and others, and it is one of the most remarkable collections owned by an individual in the United States.

SON OF FORMER GOV. AMES DIED AT HIS HOME IN BOSTON TODAY

BOSTON, March 26.—William H. Ames, son of the late Oliver Ames, governor of Massachusetts from 1887 to 1890, and a director in several corporations in this and other states, died at his home here today. He was 57 years old. Mr. Ames' country home was at North Easton, where he was president and trustee of the North Easton Savings bank. He had been ill only a few days.

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SAUNDERS Lowell's Leading Market

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

Corp. Jack Donovan wrote to the late Jim Hearn of The Sun staff on Washington's birthday and the letter has just been received in Lowell. It is a characteristically breezy account of the doings of the boys "over there" told in the man to man style of one who is experiencing the thrills of the great events now going on. Corp. Donovan did not know of the death of Mr. Hearn at the time he wrote:

France, Feb. 22, 1918.

Dear Jim: Today being a holiday for us over here, we had arranged a ball game, but the elements stepped in and put the kibosh on it. At the present writing—2 p. m.—it is raining and blowing just the same as you will get it next month at home.

Capt. Pelletier has left us on some important railroad conference with the big railroad men of Europe. We don't know where he has gone. He made a short speech to the company the day he left but he did not give us an inkling when he would return; he hoped that when he did return there would be no one in the guard house—especially from Co. B—and you can bet we will do our best to keep out.

Lieut. Charles Ferguson of our company will be in charge of the unit. Lieut. Ferguson is a Boston boy and looks to be about 25 years of age. His father, I understand, saw service in China during the Boxer uprising. He now has some official position on the Boston & Maine railroad. Jim, I wish you could see the young lieutenant drill the men in the morning. We drill for half an hour and in that time he gives us all the commands that are in the manual. We are in full marching order and drill just the same as the regular army. He is a fine built young fellow and while a strict disciplinarian, he is, nevertheless, a most lovable boy or, as you would say, a regular guy.

Lieut. Rourke, another one of our young officers, is not with the company now. He was called away for good some time ago. I suppose he is with the infantry. Lieut. Rourke is a Boston & Maine boy. He signed up as a dispatcher. His father is connected in some official capacity with the B. & M. Lieut. Collamer of Boston has taken Lieut. Rourke's place. He seems a fine young man and acts like a boy who knows his number both in the railroad and military game. Corp. Billy McElroy of the grove district of Lowell is another boy that is making good. Billy has charge of all the gasoline tractors of our railroad and from hearsay Billy is there with the goods. He can also run a locomotive when necessary.

Corp. Tommy Baxter has a new title. He is now travelling conductor of our company. Tommy has just come back to camp after a nine days' business trip. He tells me many interesting stories of his trip but you will have to wait until you see him to get the facts as the censor would not let them get by. Tommy is looking good although he had a hard job getting around.

Our guard now changes every 24 hours—Co. C one day, B the next, etc. Believe me, it is no cinch. You are on post two hours and off four and you are supposed to sleep with all your clothes on. I was on permanent guard for five months but it was fixed so that it was more like a policeman's position than a guard in the army.

Ernest Duval of our company has just arrived after being away from us for six months. Ernest is a carpenter and his home is in Canaan, N. H. He wants it known that he expects Lowell to be his home when he gets back to the states. Ernest has a friend over in Gershom avenue so you see there is a reason.

If we stay over here much longer I think many of the boys will bring a new lingo home with them—part French part English and part the language of the people of Northern India. When the boys meet a native of this country they say: "Comment allez-vous?" When they meet the Hindoos it is: "Sa-laam-sa-hib?" meaning "How do you do?" I can't understand the Indians at all. Horseshoer Jack Kennedy is quite proficient in that language. It is funny to hear some of the boys talking; they will mix the English, French and Hindoo and when I come along I will give them a little Irish. So you can see that if we keep up this lingo, you at home won't understand us when we get back.

The last couple of weeks we have been doing a good deal of salvaging of railroad iron and the American boys have them all beaten as far as strength goes. Three husky Americans can carry the same piece of iron that it takes 18 Hindoos to look after. And they come back and get two more while the other fellows are still struggling with their first one. Those Indians, Jim, are cunning fellows and very hardy. They pick up our language quickly and you can see very plainly by their actions that they keep the "cops" busy in their home town. Some of them are hard nuts and will take a chance at anything. And no matter what you tell them they will repeat it perfectly. You know the boys don't give them any church hymns to repeat and no matter whom they meet—officer or private—they will repeat those choice sayings that we hear in all large cities. But they, like all the other races over here, adore the Americans.

JACK.

Private William Broderick

Private William B. Broderick of Battery F writes the following interesting letter to Mr. William Maguire of 2 Davis square:

March 1, 1918.

Dear Friend: Just a few lines to let you know that Shaw and I are both well and happy. I thank you for your package; believe me, Bill, I was delighted when I received it. I had just run out of smokes and you can't imagine what it means to be without smokes over here.

Who started that rumor about Shaw being in the hospital? All he had was a little cold. I thought I would meet Lon when we moved from our training camp, but instead of that we landed on the firing line and I know that Co. M is up there also. Well, sir, you can bet that the boys from old Lowell will give a good account of themselves.

It's quite exciting around here; we can hear the guns booming all the time. Shaw and I are drivers and are in camp about two miles from the guns. We have to drive up at night with ammunition and supplies. It seems funny at first to hear the German shells whistling over our heads. No one has been hurt yet. There are plenty of aeroplanes around here and we watch the French trying to bring down the German planes. It's pretty hard to get them, because they stay away up high.

Well, Bill, it sure will be a great pleasure to be back home again and have some good times with the boys. We'll all have some great stories. I suppose it's pretty lonesome around the corner now with all the gang gone away. Tell the boys they should come over here and buy some champagne. Believe me, it's great stuff.

Did you ever see a trench rat, Bill? Well, the boys here claim they are big enough to put a saddle on. They don't bother us much except by squealing and running all around our bunks.

I will have to quit for now. Give my best regards to all the boys and any of my friends you chance to meet. Also remember me to my friends in the shop. Shaw sends his regards to you and all the boys. Wishing you the best of luck and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Your sincere friend,

WILLIAM BRODERICK.

Wilmer A. Dragon

Clerk Wilmer A. Dragon, formerly on the staff of the Courier-Citizen, but now in the press section of the Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, has sent an interesting letter to Chief Edward F. Saunders of the local fire department. All of the members of the branch are newspapermen and Wilmer states that it seems like home to be among his fellow pencil pushers and typists.

His letter is as follows:

Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, General Staff Press Section.
March 5, 1918.

Dear Chief Saunders:—

Your very pleasing letter of January 31st reached me but a few moments ago and just as a testimonial to my appreciation I am writing this immediate reply.

I am happy to inform you that I am in excellent health, even better than ever, and that the work is very agreeable. I am once more a reporter, now in the press section of the headquarters of the American expeditionary Forces. We are all newspapermen in this branch and it seems like home. However, I do not cover fires and therefore need not rush out to the nearest corner and attempt to skip a ride to the scene with you. I certainly would envy that privilege again but we must first settle this war problem right here and now.

Yes indeed Sir. I consider this experience worth considerable to me and I am making the most of it. We are all, in fact, devoting ourselves to the cause and there need be no doubt as to the outcome of the war. Germany will be beaten, and beaten right. It is but a question of time and we all feel that time is nothing so what can prevent your and my ultimate victory.

While reading through the copies of the papers I read with much interest the story relative to the fire at the Hanson stables in Rock street. The department apparently handled the situation in fine manner and I have always felt that Lowell has a fire department which its residents should be proud of. The severe winter and plentiful snow must have handicapped the department to some extent.

Your fuel scarcity has been due, I believe, to the extraordinary demand for shipping. Surely shipping is a vital matter and if the United States wishes to make this a quick job the folks necessarily will find these little pinches in supplies now and then.

Over here in France, considering the long period of warfare, the folks are in excellent shape and our coming has proven not only an increase in courage but to such an extent that there is admiration and astonishment at the rapidity and thoroughness of our preparations. I have had the pleasure of seeing one of our important motor truck supply trains and those trucks are simply the finest that America can produce. A special Locomobile engine with body built by the Brill Car Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia makes a combination which can't be approached.

I will be pleased to hear from Geo. McDermott and you may assure him that I will write him a prompt reply. Kindly give my best regards to Jerry also as well as Captain Merrill and other friends in the department.

In closing this letter which I hope you will forgive its monotony, due principally to the censorship rules, I wish to extend my best wishes to you and Mrs. Saunders for continued good health and happiness. I remain

Very sincerely W. A. DRAGON.

With Aero Squadron

E. J. Barrett, who is with the 140th Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Forces, "Somewhere in England, writes as follows to his father, Mr. James Barrett of 2 Tyler street:

"Somewhere in England, Mar. 4, 1918.

Dear Father—No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me, but I know that you are anxiously awaiting this letter. I am in very good health and enjoy life here in this foreign country. Hope all are well at home and I assure you I would dearly love to be there. I had a splendid time the few days I was home and I arrived back in camp safe and sound.

I had a very fine trip and I certainly did enjoy being on the water. I would like to tell you a lot about my experience since I was home, but the censor would not allow it. Bunker and I are still together. We were transferred into the 140th Aero Squadron and I am well pleased with my new associates.

I wish you would write quite often, as it takes about a month for a letter to come here. Let me know about the allotment and insurance policy. Would like to have The Sun sent to me right along. Also send me some cigarets each week and a little candy. Give all my friends my address and tell them I think it is fine over here.

Well, father, I think this will be all for now. Please answer this right away. Remember me to Billie Morse. Don't worry about me as I will be home soon and all will be well. With lots of love and good luck for all at home, I remain,

Your loving son, E. J. BARRETT,
140th Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Force, Via Postmaster, N. Y.

Corp. Peterson

Corp. R. G. Paterson who is in France with Battery F, writes the following interesting letter to his wife in this city:

Feb. 19, 1918.

My Dear Wife: Just a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living, but lucky to be so. I hope that you are still in good health and not doing any worrying.

Well, we had a lively time yesterday. All the U. S. and French guns for miles around started to bombard the German lines and kept it up all night and day. The din was enough to deafen any one. The Hun planes came over here to try to locate some of the batteries, but were soon driven off. The Germans came back with a barrage fire. We watched the shells bursting all around, then we heard the hum of a Hun plane, the lights went out and all the men took cover. A few minutes later we heard four reports that shook the place up. They had dropped four bombs about 300 yards in front of us injuring no one and doing no damage. This is the second time that we fooled them in a week, but the men who took the supplies up to the gun crews were not so fortunate. There were shells bursting all around them; two of the horses were wounded and one later died. Not a man was injured, though. We have just heard that some of the boys in the infantry have been killed in the trenches in front of us. One of them I knew. His name was Quirk and his brother worked with me in the Cartridge shop. If this is true, ask Eddie Kelly to tell Jack that I send my deepest sympathy to himself and family on their loss.

Last night we had to take the ammunition up to the front. When we got to the ammunition dump we could not draw any because the Huns had been shelling the place, so we had to go to a new dump about a mile past the position that the battery occupies and only a mile from the Hun trenches. And what a place! The field that we had to go into was full of shell holes, so you can imagine what sort of a time we had avoiding the holes at 12 o'clock at night. It was pitch dark and we did not know at what time a shell would drop on us, but we got out safely and delivered the shells on the battery O.K.

The front has been quiet these last two days and nights. My section went up to the front with food and supplies for the gun crews last night, our chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Stackpole, going with us. We are all pleased to see him at any time, so after a short time with the boys at the front, he came back with us and stayed for the night. He gave us a short sermon the next morning.

Well, today was mail day, but there was nothing for me. It is over a month since I had any letter from you; still, I was not the only one that was disappointed, quite a few others receiving none. The guns over here have started to roar again, so I guess I'd better close before I am forced to. Remember me to all my friends. With fondest love, from your loving husband. BOB.

Private Sullivan

District Chief James C. Sullivan of the local fire department has received an especially interesting letter from his nephew, Private James E. Sullivan, who is in France with the 101st Engineers. Private Sullivan is the son of the late Michael Sullivan who was killed by a Bleachery auto truck a year ago last October. Only seven weeks before that Private Sullivan's mother had died. A brother, William Sullivan, is now employed in the Bleachery, but he, too, is awaiting the call for service because he comes under the jurisdiction of the national army. To add to the significance of the little family drama of patriotism and unfortunateness is the fact that three sisters of Private Sullivan are living in Lowell and the oldest of these is but 18 years of age. William Sullivan is already doing his bit to maintain the bereft family and it is wondered if it would be just on the part of the government to call him for service when one brother is already in the thick of the fray "over there." The letter in part follows:

Feb. 24, 1918.

Dear Uncle Jim: Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and I hope these few lines will find you all the same. I received your welcome box and I was glad to get it. It came just in time for I was all out of cigarets and it was just what I wanted. I wrote you a letter from the last town I was in. I don't know whether you received it or not. I received a letter from Gladys last week and she told me that they were all well. I see by the paper that you are having severe cold weather over there. We had a cold spell over here and it was "some" cold, too.

This is a great town. We have to sleep in dugouts and the rats are as big as some of our mules. We have been up here at the front for the last two weeks. There is a lot of work for us to do. I have been doing carpenter work. I don't mind that.

We can't spend much money here. There is not much left of the place where we are now. The Germans were through here during the first part of the war. But the French came back and drove them out. We had an air fight here last week between three French planes and a German plane. The French shot the German down. It happened about 100 yards from where we were. They were about 1000 feet in the air when it happened and we could see it good. There was not much left of the German or the plane.

I hear we are to stay up here 20 days and then go back of the lines for a 30 days' rest. I hope so. There is no one left in this town but the French and American soldiers. It was some place in its day. You would not think so if you could see it now, though.

I suppose there are lots of soldiers in Lowell now. I see some of the Lowell boys of other companies once in a while. Today is Sunday, but it is just like every other day here. We have to do our work just the same. We are not a great way from Paris. I have not had a chance to go to see it yet, but I hope to do so before I get back home. Well, uncle, I think I will have to stop writing for it is near mess time and I cannot miss that. I have told you all I can think of for now. Hoping again that everybody is well, I remain as ever. JIM.

Private Bernard

Here's a rip-roaring, blood and thunder letter from Private Charles A. Bernard of the Machine Gun company of the 101st Infantry to his mother, Mrs. Peter Bernard of 18 Pleasant street. Kindly note the matter-of-business date line:

Somewhere in the Front Line trenches,
Feb. 23, 1918.

Dear Mother: Just a few lines to let you know that I am fine and hope that you and father and the rest of the folks are the same. Well, mother, this is some place where I am writing this letter. The German shells are flying over my head and, believe me, for every one that flies over my head, our boys are sending 10 back. All around us there are dead Germans buried and some of them are sticking half way out of the ground. It is nothing to see a dead German's leg or arm sticking out of the side of a trench and every time you pass him you brush up against it.

The other morning one of our boys went over the top and he saw a German buried with his hand sticking up.

He went over and shook hands with him. It is nothing to see aeroplanes fight around here. We see them every day and, believe me, it is some sight. A few nights ago when we were being relieved, six of us got lost in No Man's Land and we had to sleep in a shell hole all night and in the morning when it got light we found our way all right. It was some job. We were covered with mud.

Outside of that I am all right. They

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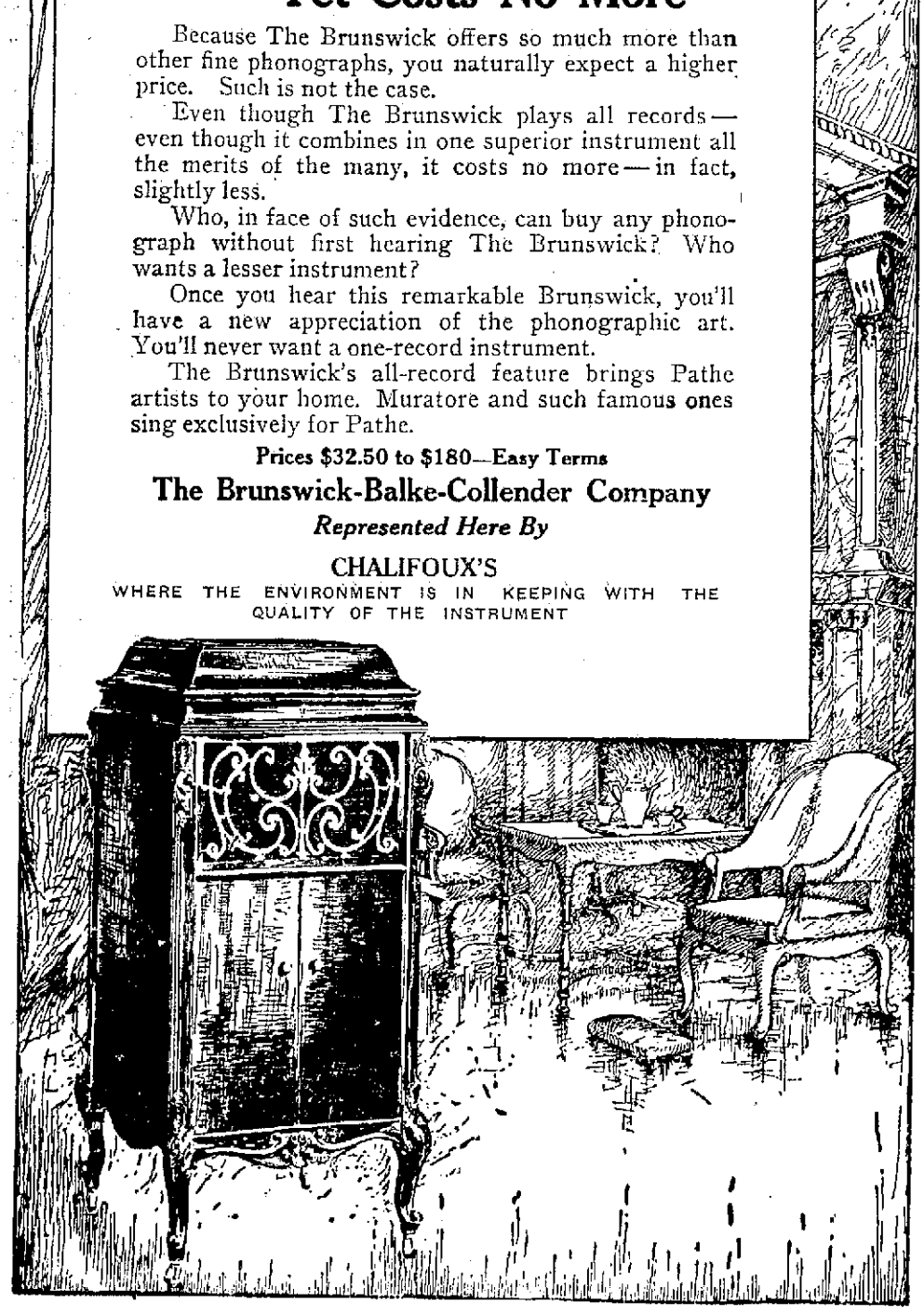
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INTERESTING LETTERS
Continued

feed us very good here. It is kind of hard to get around, but we manage to do it.

How is papa? Tell him not to worry about me for I will take good care of myself and expect to see you all pretty soon. The day I get home I will keep you up all night telling you all that happened and, believe me, it will be a story without end.

Well, mother, don't forget to write often and tell me all about the old place. Give my regards to everybody. I will close hoping to hear from you soon. I remain your loving son,

CHARLIE.

Corp. Al. Hutton.

Corp. Al D. Hutton, a Lawrence man originally, later an employe of The Sun and now on his biggest job of all, writes as follows from "over there," where he is sojourning with Battery C of Lawrence:

Somewhere in France.
Feb. 25, 1918.

Dear Ed: (That doesn't mean editor) I received the box of cigarets that you sent. I thank you very much for being so kind and thoughtful. You fellows are very good and I shall never forget it. I received the box last night and while I am writing you this note I am smoking one of the cigarets and it does taste good.

We are now in action in one of the French fronts and are doing our best to protect our sector. We live in dugouts in the ground much like the caveman. Yesterday the Huns bombarded us, but we ran into our dugouts and only one man was slightly wounded. He was a French soldier and received a shrapnel wound in the face. It is a rough game, Ed. They are constantly throwing things at us and we throw things at them in return. Of course, we are all confident of defeating them eventually. At home we used to say that fighting was bad for the eyes, but over here we say it is bad for the arms and legs. I haven't a great deal more to write about just now, Ed, so I am afraid that I will have to close my note, but I will write again to let you know how we are getting along. Again I thank you and all the fellows on The Sun for their kindness toward me. I think you are all very good.

Gratefully yours,
AL D. HUTTON.

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ENGLAND SENDS NEW ARMY

LONDON, March 26.—In a message to Field Marshal Haig, David Lloyd George, the British premier, says that the men necessary to replace those lost are either now in France or already on their way.

All guns will be replaced and still further reinforcements of men and guns are read to enter the battle. The premier's message follows:

"The British cabinet wishes to express to the army the nation's thanks for its splendid defense. The whole empire is filled with pride as it watches the heroic resistance offered by its brave troops to overwhelming odds.

"Knowing their steadfastness and courage whenever the honor of their country depends on their valor, the empire awaits with confidence the result of this struggle to defeat the enemy's last desperate effort to trample down the free nations of the world.

"At home we are prepared to do all in our power to help in a true spirit of comradeship. The men necessary to replace all casualities and cannon and machine guns required to make good all those lost are either now in France or already on their way, and still further reinforcements of men and guns are ready to be thrown into the battle."

CAMP DEVENS SHELLS SHAKE COUNTRYSIDE

CAMP DEVENS, Ayer, March 26.—"The only way I felt, was sorry that there weren't a thousand Germans over yonder on the hill," smiled Corp. Earl J. Place of Battery C, 302d Field Artillery, a stocky little Newport, Vt., machinist, who yanked the lanyard at 9.45 yesterday morning and sent the first shell of the 76th division whistling away to destruction. Within 10 seconds three more pieces had boomed away, so near together that it was more a volley than a salvo.

The countryside shook. At the mouth of each gun there was a flash like the glimpse of a summer sunrise. A cloud of leaves and twigs and dust volcanoed in front of each carriage. The guns eased forward with the shot, recoiled wickedly and the trails ground into the mud.

The firing point was on a hillside in Harvard. Below was a valley. On the other hills were Shirley and Lancaster. The echo visited every town in the circumference of hills and came reverberating back to the gunners just as little puffs of white smoke rose in quick succession from a clump of woods a mile and a half away.

It was spectacular and noisy enough. Not even a taste of what has been going on in France for the last few days and yet thundering enough for the heart of New England untouched by realities of war. Barracks in some parts of camp trembled.

Vermont Artillerymen Proud

But the real thumping sensation of the day was in the breasts of the men of the Green Mountain state; the 1st battalion of the 302d Field Artillery, almost all Vermonters, and they didn't want anyone to forget it. Battery C men insisted they had been chosen to stage this epoch because theirs was "the best battery in the whole division."

Mounted scouts scoured the whole miles of firing area to see that no botanist was out looking for spring wildflowers. A huge white flag was hoisted on Shirley hill, not so far from the Industrial school, indicating that the coast was clear.

Brig.-Gen. William S. McNair watched the guns being placed. Col. Daniel F. Craig, commanding the 302d, and scores of officers of the brigade searched for the targets with field glasses. Colonel Arthur S. Conklin of the 303d and Col. George M. Brooks of the 301st joined the gallery, but not even colonels could come along the road to the range without facing a peremptory challenge.

Two "Almost" Hits

Preparations were as big as the occasion. There must have been a run on cotton batting at the 302d canteen. Ears were stuffed and those on the sidelines looked like a "hear-no-evil" set of persons when the first orders warned them.

There were two almost hits during the forenoon of about 30 rounds at each guns. Targets were simulated guns and trenches at distances varying from 2400 to 4500 yards. The observation lessons for officers proved quite as necessary as the serving lessons for the non-coms.

The chiefs of section, gunners and No. 1 men of the four guns were in order by guns: Sergt. Buell Brewster of Cambridge, Vt.; Corp. Wilbur Duquette of Barre, Vt., Corp. Place, Sergt. Henry St. Pierre of Williamstown, Vt., Sergt. Earl Horton of Albion, Ill., Sergt. Leon J. Mayo of Windsor, Vt., Sergt. H. M. Hunt of Windsor, Vt., Corp. Wm. J. Walsh of North Bennington, Vt., Corp. J. P. Fitzsimmons of Rutland, Vt., Sergt. A. L. Marshall of New Bedford, Corp. Roay Gravais and Corp. Raymond Shaw of Sheffield, Vt.

New Stunt at Officers' School

The 1st company of the Officers' Training school staged something new yesterday. In the floor of another valley not far from the range near Camp Devens' Vimy Ridge, squads of the Capt. Alex Smith's company crept over the terrain as if they were walking on eggs, spied silhouette targets, dropped flat on the ground, squirmed and wriggled to position and opened fire. It was the first combat firing in camp.

Maj. W. H. Neill of the 303d Infantry has been relieved of duty with this division and assigned to the 313 cavalry at Del Rio, Tex.

Maj. Charles S. Wentworth of Boston has been placed in command of the Headquarters Train, formerly commanded by Lieut. Col. Stillman, transferred to the general staff. Maj. Wentworth was commander of the motor section of the ammunition train.

Private Carl S. Ward, former reporter on the Christian Science Monitor, was yesterday transferred from the Depot Brigade to headquarters company of the 301st Infantry.

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Sizes 8 to 13½, gun metal blucher or button shoes $1.98
Sizes 8 to 13½, satin calf blucher or button—if you don't want them others will at..... $1.49
Scout Shoes for little boys, black or tan elk uppers and elk soles $1.98

SAVE FOOD—HELP WIN THE WAR

CORP. BILL LOONEY WRITES FROM CAMP WADSWORTH, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Corp. "Bill" Looney, of the 4th Pioneer Regiment band, formerly the Sixth Regiment band, who is now located at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., has sent an interesting letter to The Sun. It is very descriptive and, needless to say, bits of humor are injected here and there, for leave it to "Bill," he is a wit of the first water and when any of the boys get the blues "Bill" is the real gloom-chaser. He is enjoying good health and has seen considerable of the eastern part of the country since leaving here nearly a year ago.

He writes as follows:

March 20, 1918.

"Friend Marty—I receive The Lowell Sun every day and read with great interest all the letters from the Lowell boys in the service overseas. I was much surprised that some of the Lowell boys down here have not written about this camp. We had a dandy trip from Camp Greene to this place and enroute we came to a small place called Lowell, N. C., and I wish you could have heard the warwhoop that came from the Lowell, Mass., bunch when they saw the familiar name of Lowell. It did seem good just to see the name. The place looked about the size of Manchester street and about as lively.

"We arrived in Spartanburg at 10 o'clock at night and had a delightful (?) hike to our new quarters. We reached there at midnight and it is needless to state that we slept sound that night. We have dandy iron cot beds and I can tell you that it is a big improvement over the canvas cots. We are up in the mountain section among the pines and have a fine location. This camp has Camp Greene beaten a thousand ways. We are located between the old 5th Massachusetts, now the 3d Pioneer, and the old 74th New York, now the 55th Pioneer. The camp is composed mostly of New York regiments and, believe me, they are a fussy bunch. They have all kinds of athletic events. Last Friday night we went out and listened to Frank Moran, the heavy weight pugilist, give a talk on training. He is the boxing instructor at this camp. They had some classy bouts. "Babe" Rogers has challenged Moran and the band is shipping in for the flowers. We have been having regular summer weather and our ball team has played against teams from the Maine, Conn., Signal Corps and the 3d Pioneer teams and the band has played at all games. We have moving pictures five nights a week and the bands alternate playing for them. There are a lot of colored people here and they come to the camp for the boys' laundry. Every day some colored lady will come to the tent and say "any laun-dray?" They are reasonable in their prices, 15 cents for shirts not laundered. Sergt. Baker had some work done by them and he says the shirts fit like a necktie.

"I had a pass to go to Spartanburg, Saturday, and it is some town; looks very much like Haverhill, Mass., but not so large, but a great deal more lively. New York people have invaded the place and opened all kinds of stores. We went for a hike yesterday and passed through a small place called Arcadia. All the way on the hike one saw farmers plowing and I wish you could see the mules. C. H. Hanson or Mike Senecal wouldn't give a dollar for the whole lot. The livestock down here is all on the narrow gauge model. The cows look as though they were kept in folding beds. The people look more healthy than the Charlotte folks, but they don't move or talk any faster. There are some fine buildings here, and the Cleveland hotel is a beauty. In the centre of the town is a fine statue of the late Gen. Daniel Morgan.

"There is one pleasing feature when one visits any town, the older darkies always take off their hats to us and if we are not in company formation we always recognize it with some pleasant remark.

"Please excuse me for changing my letter for I just received a copy of The Lowell Sun of March 11th and looking over the article 'Lowell's Part in the War,' I notice that the 6th Regiment band is among the missing in the list. We were called out on March 30, 1917, and left Lowell for Framingham, April 18, and are still doing active duty with what remains of that good old Sixth regiment and expect to do out 'bit' whether it be here or overseas. I do not know the lady who compiled that article or how she missed our band in that list. But I do know that we have been out almost a year and have been in eight different camps since leaving Lowell. Some of our former members in Lowell have children attending the different schools who could write a very interesting essay on what they have heard from their parents. Hoping that you will notify the office of our headquarters in Lowell that we would like very much to be recognized with Companies C, G and K of the old Sixth, now the 4th Pioneer regiment, I remain,

"Yours very much in the service,
"CORP. W. H. LOONEY,
"Camp Wadsworth,
"Spartanburg, S. C.,
"4th Pioneer Regt. Band."

"P. S.—I wish you would kindly extend the thanks of the boys of the band and the regiment to the following for cigars, cigarets and tobacco: Sam Scott, Michael Markham, Joseph H. Buckley and Thomas P. Boulger."

EXPECT ENEMY ALIENS IN THE ARMY TO BE IN THE CAVALRY

CAMP DEVENS, March 26.—A new disposition of enemy aliens now in the army is forecasted in an order asking that the names of all such men whose loyalty is unquestioned and who are available for cavalry service be turned in to headquarters.

Many enemy aliens who did not want to serve in the American army were discharged a few weeks ago. Those who wanted to serve, even if only allowed to serve in non-combatant branches, remained here. Some of these are Germans who have been for eight or ten years in the American army and who have grieved ever since the order came out taking away their guns. They had taken out only their first papers.

The opinion here is that they may be used for cavalry service in this country.

FEAR GERMAN AIR RAID ON NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 26.—Relief work which might be required in the event of an air raid on New York was planned at a meeting of doctors, nurses and police officials yesterday at the headquarters of the health department.

Police Commissioner Enright announced that several units of surgeons, nurses and helpers had been formed in case of emergency, and that bomb shelters would soon be provided in schoolhouses and other places.

The trans-Atlantic trips of German submarines, the presence of super-submarines on the high seas and the alleged invention of airplanes with folding wings that can be carried aboard such craft were assigned as reasons why the conference was called to discuss protective measures.

Capt. A. Wells Ingram of London, now attached to the American Red Cross, who advised Commissioner Enright to prepare for possible raids, declared at the meeting that the possibility Germany might attack New York from the air was "no joke."

MULTI-MILLIONAIRES

30 Americans' Combined Fortunes Total $3,680,000,000

Forbes Magazine has compiled a list of the 30 richest Americans, and declares it the most complete list ever published. The combined fortunes of the 30 total $3,680,000,000, and the average individual fortune is $122,666,666. Not one of the 30 has less than $50,000,000.

The total annual income of the 30 is figured at $184,000,000, of which John D. Rockefeller3s share is computed at $60,000,000, or almost half as much as the other 29 put together.

The average income of these multi-millionaires is $6,133,133. The smallest income is estimated at $2,500,000 a year.

The list follows:

John D. Rockefeller—Estimated fortune, $1,200,000,000; yearly income, $60,000,000; chief source, oil.

H. C. Frick—$225,000,000; $11,250,000; coke, steel.

Andrew Carnegie—$200,000,000; $10,000,000; steel.

George F. Baker—$150,000,000;; $7,500,000; banking.

William Rockefeller—$150,000,000; $7,500,000; oil, railroads.

Edward S. Harkness—$125,000,000; $6,250,000; oil.

J. Ogden Armour—$125,000; $6,250,000; packing.

Henry Ford—$100,000,000; $5,000,000; automobiles.

W. K. Vanderbilt—$100,000,000; $5,000,000; railroads.

Ed. H. R. Green—$100,000,000; $5,000,000; banking.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman—$80,000,000; $4,000,000; railroads.

Vincent Astor—$75,000,000; $3,750,000; real estate.

James Stillman—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; cotton banking.

Thomas F. Ryan—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; traction, tobacco.

Daniel Guggenheim—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; mining, smelting.

Charles M. Schwab $70,000,000; $3,500,000; steel.

J. P. Morgan—$70,000,000; $3,500,000; banking.

Mrs. Russell Sage—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; banking.

Cyrus H. McCormick—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; farm machinery.

Joseph Widener—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; traction.

Arthur Curtis James—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; mining, railroads.

Nicholas F. Brady—$60,000,000; $3,000,000; traction.

Jacob H. Schiff—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; banking.

James B. Duke—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; tobacco.

George Eastman—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; cameras.

Pierre S. du Pont—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; powder.

Louis F. Swift—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; packing.

Julius Rosenwald—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; mail orders.

Mrs. Lawrence Lewis—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; oil.

Henry Phipps—$50,000,000; $2,500,000; steel.

Total—Estimated fortunes, $3,680,000,000.

THE RED CROSS GIVES GAS MASK DRILLS ALMOST EVERY DAY

Almost every person near the front in France is carrying a gas mask. You are taught to adjust it in six seconds.

It is a very uncomfortable affair, having a clothespin-like arrangement on the inside that pinches your nose so that you cannot breathe through it and there is a nozzle which goes into your mouth and through which you must get your air.

It is almost unbelievable that men can fight with these things on, especially as it is almost impossible to speak while wearing one.

At the Red Cross hospitals instructions are given almost every day on how to adjust these masks quickly and after one becomes proficient in their rapid adjustment, one is taken into a dark room filled with gas and made to walk at least 50 feet.

A number of grewsome stories are told of this room.

For instance, if your mask is not adjusted perfectly you are apt to get a dash of this gas, which is not deadly but very uncomfortable and men have been known to go mad from fright, thinking the gas was deadly, and pull the protection away from their faces so that they had to be dragged out by the attendants.

IDAH McGLONE GIBSON.

ROGER HOAR

Concord Lawyer Enlists In U. S. Heavy Artillery

BOSTON, March 26.—Roger Sherman Hoar of Concord, a well-known Boston attorney and formerly assistant attorney-general of Massachusetts, has enlisted in the United States heavy artillery as a private and is now stationed at Fort Warren in Boston harbor. Announcement of his enlistment reached many of his Boston friends and associates yesterday.

Mrs. Hoar and their two children, Caroline, 3 years old and Sherman, a baby a year old, are at the home of her parents in Edgartown. Private Hoar is a grand nephew of the late United States Senator George F. Hoar of Worcester. His home is on Belknap street, Concord.

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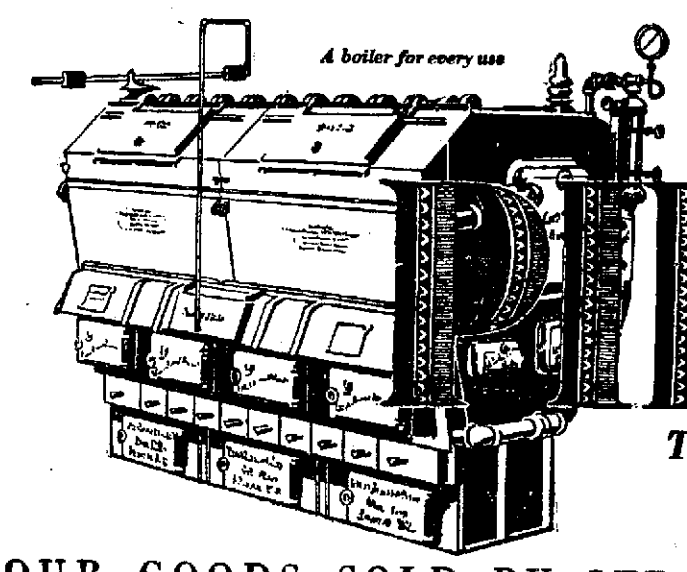
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TEUTON DRIVE CHECKED

The Huns have made slight advances since yesterday at terrible cost. The British resistance is stiffening, the enemy drive is slowing down and every step in advance has been gained only at terrible cost. Premier Lloyd George announces that an army with full equipment is either in France now, or on its way, to reinforce General Haig's forces. The enemy has been obliged to turn southward instead of continuing towards Amiens, but in that sector General Petain marches to attack the Teuton flank. The British line on the north resisted all attacks and made counter attacks that caused the enemy to move further south. The British line appears to be intact at all points and where it gave way, it yielded only to overwhelming numbers, in some cases the odds being three or four to one. The losses have been heavy on both sides, but the enemy losses are undoubtedly several times as great as those of the allies. With an army of reserves hastening from England to reinforce General Haig and General Petain attacking the enemy's flank on the south, it is quite probable that the advance will soon be blocked.

As yet, despite the tremendous forces used in the great drive, the enemy has taken only two-thirds of the barren waste devastated by the last German retreat.

London seems quite confident that Haig will be able to stop the drive and General Wood at Washington is of the same opinion. Despite the fact that the battle still goes on, the situation has not undergone any material change in the last 24 hours. The Teutons thus far have gained no strategic advantage.

FOR LIBERTY DAY

April 6 is to be Liberty day. Get ready to observe it in real patriotic fashion. We may observe the day by speech-making and the usual public parades with cheers and with prayers, but will that help in the real object which is to aid our government in winning the war?

Our boys are fighting in France and there is urgent need of other contingents, but while those at home have not to risk the dangers of the battle-front, yet they can do much to bring about the success of the men who occupy the trenches and the defeat of the enemy.

In order to make the observance of Liberty day a success, it is necessary for every man and woman in the United States who can afford the money to invest in Liberty bonds. Even those who have not the necessary money at the present time can buy the bonds and pay for them by instalments. This is the first and most direct method of aiding our boys at the front. But there are many other things we can do to help. We can grow more food, and we can conserve more food. We can save more money. We can give of our time and energy to the building of ships, the making of munitions, the manufacture of uniforms, the mining of minerals. None of us can do all of those things, but none is there who cannot do at least one.

It is high time that everyone able to work realized that the folks at home have a most important duty to perform in helping to win the war. If we cannot send men to aid in the present great struggle on the western front, we can send food and other supplies that are urgently needed by the allies, who are our brothers in arms. We can also send money which some of the belligerent countries need very much. Let us start the great drive on Liberty day.

THE WISCONSIN MUDDLE

The political situation in Wisconsin is somewhat mixed. Lenroot, republican, ran as an out and out loyalty candidate for U. S. senator and as such defeated Thompson, the La Follette candidate, by 2500 votes at the primaries.

But Davies, the democratic candidate, comes forward with strong party endorsement as the opponent of Lenroot, who, it is alleged, voted in favor of the McLemore resolution, the aim of which was to prevent Americans traveling on merchant ships threatened by Germany. It was defeated 276 to 152. The fight over the resolution caused considerable bitterness, and it was generally assumed that those who favored the resolution were in sympathy with Germany, but many undoubtedly did so with the intention of averting war.

If loyalty is the test the people of Wisconsin can select even a better man than Lenroot, but as the German and socialist vote is quite strong in that state, a move against Lenroot may result in the election of Berger, the socialist candidate, who is under indictment for anti-loyalty. It is claimed that the pro-German republican vote plus the socialist vote was 34,502 more than the Lenroot vote in the primaries, so that there is a possibility that the state may choose a man even worse than La Follette.

THE WHEAT ORDER

Food Administrator Hoover has received an urgent appeal from France for more wheat and as a result he has cut down the ration in this country to one pound and a half per week for each person. That is considerably less than at present, but the people should comply with the new order without a murmur as if it were not necessary it would not have been issued.

If by using substitutes we can help glorious France or any of the allies, let us do it with a will. Mr. Hoover is doing the best he can to make the wheat meet the home demand and also that of the allies. We promised to give France wheat in exchange for field guns and other munitions. We are behind on our pledge. Let every loyal American stand by Hoover in making good our promise.

HOLLAND IS AFRAID

Holland finds it necessary to back down in her arrangement to part with her shipping to the United States in lieu of wheat and other supplies. This can be readily understood as due to the threats of Germany. The stipulations that the vessels should not be armed, nor carry war material, were also due to German influence.

The ship that, unarmed, risks meeting the kaiser's submarines is simply a fool running wild, and, in these days there is no such thing as a ship carrying no war material. The conditions were merely a few kind words for Wilhelm's perusal. And you cannot blame Holland. Wilhelm is her closest neighbor and has his guns trained on her.

Who is superintendent of the local street railway now? It looks as if the office went a begging. Walter Hickey found the difficulties too numerous to contend with. Lack of men and lack of good cars were not the only grievances and yet either one is sufficient to demoralize the service.

The Germans seem to believe that if they can defeat the British, they will win the war but they will be disappointed. They cannot defeat Haig's army and if they did, that would not win the war for them.

Germany is rushing her troops to slaughter by tens of thousands. Such is the power of German autocracy exercised by the military machine over the masses.

Our American forces have not been in the present drive. They will be in a drive later on, one of their own making against Germany.

Give the street railway six cent fare if they will give reasonably good service in return. The present conditions are intolerable.

SEEN AND HEARD

"What kind of fruit doth the kaiser and Hindenburg represent?" queried our interrogator.

"Give it up," said we.

"A rotten pair," said he.

One morning Mabel's mother gave her a bunch of grapes; when she got through eating them she gave the stem back saying: "Mother, put some more on here." Wasn't that just too cute for anything?

Papa in the 'Phone

When the late President Cleveland's daughter was quite young her father once telephoned to the White House from Chicago and asked Mrs. Cleveland to bring the child to the phone. Lifting the little one up to the instrument, Mrs. Cleveland watched her expression change from bewilderment to wonder and then to fear. It was surely her fathers voice—yet she looked at the telephone incredulously. After examining the tiny opening in the receiver, the little girl suddenly burst into tears. "Oh, mamma!" she sobbed "how can we ever get papa out of that little hole?"—London Tit-bits.

Advice to a Son

One of our city officials, who has a family is continually giving advice to his sons and daughters. Much of the advice is garnished with wise, homely but pertinent philosophy. The other evening he called one of his sons to him and engaged the young man in conversation in a fatherly fashion. The young man was an attentive, respectful listener.

Among other things the father said: "Son, I think you'd find it well to bear in mind one thing."

The father paused and the son inquired:

"Bear in mind what, father?"

"To mind your own business. Don't try to monkey with other people's buzz saws."—Yonkers Statesman.

The Third Strike

The kaiser has two strikes against him, and a cinder in his eye. Other times at bat the best he could do was pop foul balls.

This time up, we've got him guessing. The first Liberty loan strike we whizzed over before he knew it. He waited for a ball, on the second Liberty loan and it went over the old pan with so much smoke it blew off his tin fedora. Two strikes and two down.

Y' know the last lean straw the old bird has grabbed at for the next one? He figures Uncle Sam will make a balk, and he'll goosestep to first. Well, c'mon everybody! Get in on the big windup and steam the third Liberty loan strike across the platter so gad hap snorting, he'll even whiff and miss the echo.

Put everything you got on this ball!

EE Yow!

Let's Go!

Dog Provides Alibi

The collie is supposed to hold a good many records for intelligence in shepherding, but a West Bridgewater man never tires of telling the exploits of his grade Irish terrier, now in dog heaven. Particularly he likes to hark back to the time the dog's intelligence got him into trouble, and out of it.

The dog, the story goes, always followed directions, so specifically as regarded protecting the home that the family doctor once lost the most important part of his most important garment. "Go drive in the hens" always sent the dog scurrying about till every last pullet was rounded up, and there were 150 of them. Never, according to his master, did he include neighbors' hens with his flock. Those he singled out and sent home.

One day a neighbor came to the house and firmly demanded that the dog be killed. He had been chasing her hens, she said, and had bitten two. As she had been losing hens, she had no doubt the dog was a "killer."

"I'll be over Sunday and straighten it out," said the dog owner, giving instructions that his pet be kept in the house till then. On the appointed day he showed up with the dog.

"Will you let your hens out?" he asked. "I want to show you something."

The door was opened and the hens soon scattered over half an acre.

Meanwhile he made sure the neighbor had been trying to get her hens in when the dog "attacked" them.

"Go get the hens," his master told the dog. With misgivings, the neighbor saw him scurry round, gradually edging the flock back into their yard. With a few final dashes, he herded all but one through the door. Then he whined, hesitated, as if to say, "That's not our hen, you know," and looked towards his master.

"Go get her!" was the command. Like a shot he was off, to come back with the hen held lightly between his teeth. He deposited her, ruffled but unharmed, in the yard.

"Wal, I never!" said the neighbor, and dropped her complaint. "I may want to borrow him some day," she added.

For Crown and Throne

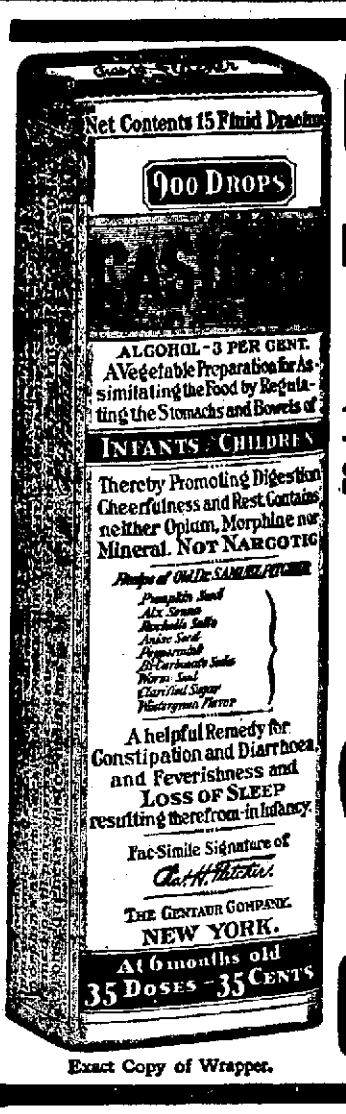
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I want to tell you my little romance,
A little romance of my own;
I have a soldier somewhere in France,
Who is fighting for crown and throne,
The crown of a woman's fearless smile
And the throne of a baby's chair
That each may last in the world their while
And befoul them, no Hun shall dare!

I do not know who my soldier is,
Nor does he know who am I,
But he knows full well that my faith is his
And he'll win for that faith, or die!
So I hark to his battle-cry all the while,
As it echoes from over there;
"For the crown of a woman's fearless smile
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Exclusive patterns in figures and novelty stripes, some quite striking effects, and daring colors with a large showing of quiet, small figure patterns—

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In addition to the best Soft Hats—from America's best makers, we have two imported lines—

Italian Soft Hats, from Borsalino, exceptionally light in weight and of the finest glove finish felt—dressy shapes in most wanted colors—

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Putnam & Son Co.

166 CENTRAL STREET

FOOD SITUATION VERY SERIOUS IN MEXICO

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, March 25.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press—Food is so expensive and so difficult to obtain in Mexico, one of the most fertile countries in the world, that the poor are suffering want and even starvation while the more prosperous Mexicans find it difficult to provide sustenance for their families.

Prices of food in the United States, even if considered by American housewives to be high, are not to be compared with those prevailing in Mexico since the embargo was placed on the exportation of foodstuffs from the United States to neutral countries.

An opportunity to compare Mexican prices for staple articles with those obtaining in the United States is afforded by the following quotations from merchants here:

Sugar sells for 27 cents a pound, American money, and is very scarce at this price.

American butter brings 90 cents a pound, gold, and is the occasion for celebration in the Mexican homes when it can be obtained at this price. Butter is unknown among the poorer classes.

Flour sells for 16 cents a pound and is growing more expensive as the embargo restrictions are made more stringent. Little wheat bread is eaten by the middle and lower classes who use flour for making tortillas, a cake made of flour and water.

American brands of coffee sell as high as 75 cents a pound and are very scarce. Mexican green coffee brings 28 cents a pound and is roasted over charcoal fires as it is used.

Rice, used principally by the Chinese and Japanese living in Mexico, is worth 12 cents a pound.

Lard is another article which has more than doubled in price because of the American embargo. It brings 95 cents a pound when it can be obtained. The principal source of supply is the smuggler.

Beans, which are a staple food throughout Mexico and are eaten three times a day, sell for 10 cents a pound. This is the highest in the history of Mexico. The red frijole bean is much preferred to the American white navy bean.

No ham or bacon can be bought here at the present time. The last shipment received sold for 83 cents a pound.

Chile peppers, grown in all parts of Mexico, are the only foodstuff which has not increased in price. It sells for three cents a pound.

Small purchases are the rule in the small Mexican stores and shops. The centavo, or penny, formerly was the most used medium of purchase and exchange. It was not uncommon for children to ask for one cent's worth of sugar, lard or even flour. Because of the increased cost of such commodities the five-cent piece has taken the place of the cent as the most used medium.

Central markets supply vegetables, fresh and dried meats, and other commodities. The Chinese gardeners have obtained a monopoly of the green grocery business and they raise great quantities of vegetables on their well tended farms near this and other large cities. The Chinese also carry vegetables from place to place in big baskets suspended from a yoke which the peddler balances over his neck.

PURCHASE TOBACCO FOR LOWELL SOLDIERS WITH PROCEEDS OF "SOCK" SOCIAL

The members of General Ames camp, Spanish War Veterans, were the guests of the Edith Prescott Wolcott auxiliary, S. U.S.W.V., at the annual meeting of the organization, which was held in Memorial hall last evening, and a feature of the reunion was the raising of a fund of $6 for tobacco for the Lowell boys in France. The event was known as a "Sock" social, for in the course of the evening socks of various sizes were distributed to those present and later a collection was taken, the amount received from each being according to the size of the sock.

The meeting was presided over by President Isabel M. Ellis and considerable business was transacted. The following delegates were appointed to represent the organization at the annual convention to be held in Boston April 18: Mrs. Nellie Farnam, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, Mrs. Bessie Barnes, Mrs. Margaret Bellamy and Miss Georgia McCoy. The alternates chosen were as follows: Miss Mary McBride, Mrs. Martha Blakely, Mrs. Jeanie Everett, Mrs. Mary Loucraft and Mrs. Ada Gilmore. At the close of the business session Mrs. Caroline Sarre, the past president of the organization, was presented a handsome past president'se pin.

The entertainment was carried out in the upper hall and the numbers were as follows: Sounding of reveille, Scout Wilbur Roberts; "The Star Spangled Banner," the assembly; songs, Anthony Schwartz; cornet solo, Master Roberts; skirt dance, Miss Marie Dwyer; songs, Fred Lawton; readings, Scout Master Fred Timmins; Highland fling, Miss Mildred Boudreau; reading, Miss Dorothy Ellis.

WAGE INCREASES

BIDDEFORD, Me., March 26—Notices were posted in the Pepperell mills yesterday announcing an increase in wages beginning April 1 for the 4000 employes with no amount stipulated. Notices were also posted in the York mills, Saco, announcing an increase of 10 per cent. for the 2600 employes beginning April 1. Both corporations are employed on government contracts. This means an increase of over 60 per cent in wages since January, 1916.

WALK ERECT AT EIGHTY

Because a man or woman is old does not mean that they must walk along bent over and supported with a cane. A man can be as vigorous and healthy at eighty as at twenty if he aids the organs of the body in performing their functions.

All diseases whether of a malignant or weak character tend to tear away our vitality. You must counteract disease in its incipient stage if you would live a happy and useful long life.

GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules, a 200-year old preparation that is used all over the world, contains soothing oils combined with strength-giving and system-cleaning herbs. These capsules are a prescription and have been and are still being used by physicians in daily practice. They have proven their merit in relieving backache, kidney and bladder complaints and all ailments arising from an excess of uric acid in the system.

GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules are sold at all reliable druggists. They are guaranteed to do everything as claimed or money refunded. Don't be misled by false imitations. Look for GOLD MEDAL on every box.

Sale of Oriental Rugs

ADAMS

A special price value on a three-piece parlor set, of $40.95.

The former price $65.00. Mahogany finish frames and velvet covering.

One odd leatherette divan at $33.00, that was $48.00.

A dainty divan for $10.00, special price. Mahogany finish frame and cushion seat, velvet covered.

For the dining room, parlor or chamber, we have many extra good value discontinued styles at very low prices.

Adams & Co.

Furniture—Rugs—Shades

174 CENTRAL STREET.

You Can't Afford to Experiment With Foods Today

IN years gone by an occasional food waste caused housekeepers no great concern. Foods were plentiful—and cheap. A baking ruined by some inferior ingredient, for instance, or a "bargain" can or two of fruit or vegetables that spoiled and had to be thrown away, was of no very serious importance.

BUT in this period of insistent living costs, when housekeeping must be conducted on closest margins, when every expenditure must buy utmost value—it is too costly to experiment with foods of unknown origin and uncertain quality.

Best Known Values

INTELLIGENT economy consists not so much in buying at a price, as in knowing that the price buys the greatest measure of worth for the money.

There is a way in which you can be assured of this—a way to know you are getting full weight, topmost quality, definite, dependable value.

And that is to specify foods prepared and sold under the famous ARMOUR OVAL LABEL!

For this label is not only a trade-mark, but a grade-mark, establishing standardized quality—the final selection of the choicest of the whole immense Armour output. It marks not only the best of meat-products, but gives you a definite assurance of quality and dependability on many foods formerly unstandardized, such as canned fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese, sardines, salmon, rice and a host of others.

Under the Oval Label you can buy over 300 delectable, known-value food products, in variety and range to meet the needs of any meal from breakfast to banquet!

You are relieved of experimenting, because the Armour experts did all the experimenting before these foods were ever placed on the market.

Look for the Oval Label

ONE label, one grade, one quality—could anything be simpler? All you need to remember when buying is the ARMOUR OVAL LABEL—to secure the choicest yield of America's farms, orchards, vineyards and fisheries, prepared in sanitary plants, shipped under ideal temperature, and sold at fair prices.

Look for the Armour Oval Label sign in familiar yellow and blue on dealers' store-fronts and windows and on the goods on his shelves. It is your best guarantee of safety, purity and economy always.

Armour's QUALITY PRODUCTS

ARMOUR AND COMPANY

CHICAGO

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HUN LIES WIN VICTORIES!

A short time ago in a middle west city, an attractive young woman went from home to home, offering for sale a magazine.

Wherever she could gain admittance, she led the woman of the house into a lengthy conversation touching upon various subjects. Finally, however, she always turned the conversation to conditions in the training camps and barracks which she claimed to have just visited to arrange for the circulation of old magazines among the boys.

"I never was so hurt and shocked in all my life," she would tell the housewife in an awe-stricken tone.



"CONDITIONS ARE TERRIBLE"

"The boys are sleeping at night with no roofs over their heads; many are compelled to lie all night in the mud; hundreds are dying with pneumonia.

"Patriotism is all right, but this is too much for me.

"I think a woman is perfectly right to use every possible effort to get her boy or her friend's boy out of the service under conditions of this kind.

"It's not your fault or the boy's fault; it's the fault of rotten politics and graft. And we cannot allow politics and graft to ruin the young manhood of the nation."

Having cleverly sown her seed, the young woman then would pass on to the next house. Inside of a few hours the entire neighborhood was outraged over a terrible condition that never existed.

Mothers of boys who were about ready to enlist put their final stamp of "no" on the sons' request that they be allowed to do their bit.

Mrs. So-and-So called up Mrs. Such-and-Such and discussed the conditions with her, saying:

"A young woman—a very close friend of mine upon whose word I can absolutely depend—told me this. And she has been right there and has seen it. What do you think of that? I'm going to keep my boy out of it, and Mrs. B is, too. I think it's terrible."

In practically no time the words of the smiling young magazine agent had done irreparable disorganization work in one big residential district. Every hour it spread further over the city. It was enlarged upon by everyone whose lips it passed. Finally people began to call up the newspapers asking:

"It is true that 2000 of our boys have died of pneumonia at camp? Is it true that thousands of rough boxes have been taken into this camp and that six bodies at a time have been thrown into a box and then buried in a shallow grave? I was told it on good authority."

This smiling young woman still is passing merrily on her way somewhere in the United States."

By this time her story probably has changed. Undoubtedly it is a more serious story she is now telling.

Let us introduce the young woman. She is one of the good-looking members of the kaiser's immense propaganda system, one branch of the German spy system in this country. Her job is not a risky one, but she is able to do more damage in a detrimental way to Uncle Sam, than a nice big lot of Huns in a front line trench.

A prominent citizen of a large city recently has made this his "patriotic bit." A few days ago he heard of an elevator starter in a downtown building whom he understood was telling all the passengers and elevator boys a purely pro-German story.

The prominent citizen grabbed his hat and coat and hustled over to the building. Approaching the elevator starter, he exclaimed:



WHERE DID YOU GET THAT STORY?

"See here, young man, where did you get that story you are telling?"

Badly perturbed, the starter replied he had heard an old woman telling another woman in a street car on which he had ridden down-town that morning.

"Then you don't know that it's true?" the citizen demanded.

"No, sir."

"Well, then, young man," he continued, "you had better hustle about and tell every person with whom you have discussed this story that it is a lie—and do it quick. You might find yourself in jail for spreading pro-German talk like this."

With perspiration standing on his forehead, the elevator starter combed the building to do as he was told. The prominent citizen smiled a happy smile and went back to his office to wait for word of another propagandist at work.

Federal authorities still are somewhat at a loss as to whether the big East St. Louis riots, in which so many lost their lives and during which industry was at a standstill, was not conceived and carried out by pro-Germans. East St. Louis is one of the country's important railroad terminals. Foodstuffs, troops, cattle, horses and munitions pass in a continual stream through its yards. Large quantities of munitions are manufactured in its immediate vicinity. The tying up of East St. Louis greatly hampered government work and the transportation of munitions and food stuffs. It took the attention of large bodies of troops away from other work. It threw one city in terror and accomplished the exact end toward which one class of German propagandist now is working.

Large numbers of secret service agents recently were sent into middle west coal fields to offset the work of propagandists who were busy spreading a feeling of unrest among the miners. Many arrests were made, nearly 150 men being taken within a few days. It was another example of the propagandist's work.

One remarkable system of propaganda has been uncovered by draft boards. Difficult parts of the questionnaire were found to be answered in identical manner by different persons, and great smoothness was displayed in inserting signatures of additional "affiants" after only one had been sworn by the board officials. Draft officials became convinced that secret meetings attended by numbers of pro-German youths of draft age were being held, that all might receive instructions as to how to evade the draft.

Of special interest is the story that came out of Greensboro, N. C., some time ago regarding the attempted organization of the negroes in the south to join in a war against this country. The fomenting of this attempt "revolt" was carried on by secret agents of the imperial government under the pretense of spreading "kultur." Feeling against this move became so high in that district in April, 1917, that German schools of the south for a time were in grave danger.

Another far-reaching bit of the propagandist's work was the spreading nation-wide of reports that the government intends to confiscate a large part of the canned, preserved and dried goods conserved for home use for winter. Tens of thousands of housewives gave up their canning as a result of this propaganda.

Secret service agents recently ran down a group of German farmers who were holding "literary" society meetings in an out-of-the-way town hall in a middle west state. A traveling salesman who heard of them laughed loudly at first and then became suspicious, because he knew the neighborhood to be German. He repeated the joke and his suspicions to a secret service friend. A raid revealed a fine young organization of German propagandists, and papers of a great leal of value to federal authorities. It was the kind of raid one reads about in novels—an out-of-the-way place, a small building on a lonely road and a crowd of German spy propagandists. And it goes to show that the German spy system in this country overlooks not even the minutest of details when it comes to reaching every man, woman and child in the nation.



IT WAS THE KIND OF RAID ONE READS ABOUT IN NOVELS

The American Defense society announced from New York the other day that vigilance committees have been organized in 299 cities in the United States to check German propaganda.

Do you, Mr. Citizen, belong to one?

RED BLOODED MEN WIN OUT

They Are Always on Top

It is a fact that red blooded men and women are at the top in every walk of life. Men and women with the driving force of red blood, rich in Iron and Phosphates do things, they get results.

Red blooded women are the heads of the happiest and most contented homes, they have the will and the desire to be real companions and helpmates.

Leadership and happiness is only for the men and women who are willing to keep their blood and nerves strengthened and nourished with Iron and Phosphates.

A prominent doctor says, "It is a crime that so many men and women lack the rich, red blood and strong steady nerve to achieve their ambitions. It is all the more so because thin, watery blood is unnecessary, as rich, red blood and strong nerves are within the grasp of everyone. Phosphated Iron makes pure blood by making new blood. It gives strength, brings color to the cheeks, increases the weight and appetite, drives away the blues and those sleepless nights, steadies and renews your nervous energy, makes you feel like a live one once again."

There must be something to it. Everyone who tries it is loud in praise of Phosphated Iron, and you have got to show people these days.

To insure physicians and their patients receiving the genuine Phosphated Iron it has been put up in capsules only. Do not allow dealers to give you pills or tablets. Insist on capsules.

Fred Howard, 199 Central St., Lowell Pharmacy, 632 Merrimack St., and leading druggists everywhere.

Cyphers Incubators

Are the first choice of all experienced poultry-keepers. The Cyphers gives the utmost value that has ever been built into an incubator.

If you want an incubator that hatches every fertile egg, and brings out strong, livable chicks every time, buy the Cyphers.

Four sizes:

No. 0, Capacity 70 Eggs
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TALBOT'S SANITARY FLUID
Cleanses and Disinfects
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Talbot's Chemical Store
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YALE PROFESSOR IS A PRISONER IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Major Henry C. Emery, the Yale professor taken prisoner by the Germans on the Aland Islands, has been taken on a German transport to Dantzig, Germany.

American Minister Morris in Sweden reported to the state department today that the Swedish foreign office has ascertained the whereabouts of the American officer. Although it was supposed at the time a party of Americans and British trying to escape the German occupation of the Aland Islands were captured that they would be taken to German prison camps, this is the first official information that Prof. Emery actually was taken to the camp at Dantzig. He was an officer of the reserve corps and recently was married in Russia.

MEETINGS OF G.A.R. VETS AND RELIEF CORPS

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Middlesex County Association of G.A.R. Veterans was held this morning in Memorial hall with about 70 members of the association from various parts of the country present.

Simultaneously the members of the Middlesex County Association of Women's Relief Corps held their quarterly meeting in Post 120 G.A.R. hall in Merrimack street. There were several hundred present at this gathering.

At noon dinner was served for both associations in the Merrimack street hall with James A. Garfield Post 120, Women's Relief Corps, as hosts of the occasion.

At the meeting of the veterans this morning the following officers were installed: Commander, W. C. M. Howe, Reading; senior vice commander, Eben W. Pike, Cambridge; junior vice commander, George Pollard, Cambridge; chaplain, A. B. Ridlon, Reading; surgeon, Dr. Henry Clarke, Arlington; officer of the day, S. B. Dearborn, Wakefield; quartermaster, E. F. Morrill, Everett; officer of the guard, J. W. Emerey, Cambridge; adjutant, H. H. Knowles, Arlington; quartermaster sergeant, Joseph Wiggin, Melrose; sergeant-major, G. A. Whidden, Melrose.

The association voted to present the name of E. F. Morrill as candidate for junior vice commander at the next meeting to be held April 9 and 10 at Faneuil hall.

At noon the veterans assembled in Merrimack street opposite Memorial building and had their picture taken and then went to Post 120 hall in Merrimack street for luncheon.

The business meeting of the Women's Relief Corps was more or less routine with the election of officers and reports of the various corps as the outstanding features.

This afternoon the members of both associations were the guests of James A. Garfield Post 120, Women's Relief Corps, of this city. An entertainment was carried out in the post hall and included the following numbers: Reading, Mrs. Lillian Dodge Haskell; songs, Commissioner James E. Donnelly and Mrs. Young, and speaking by a number of the veterans. Mrs. Ada Myrick was chairman of the executive committee and Mrs. Mary Offut of the dining room committee. Mrs. Elvira Giles Flanders is president of Post 120 and Mrs. Etta Cook is president of the Middlesex County Association of Women's Relief Corps.

STEAMER GOV. COBB FOR TRAINING FLEET

BOSTON, March 26.—The steamer Governor Cobb, for several years in the passenger service between here and Maine ports, was chartered today by the United States shipping board as the fourth of a fleet of ships making their base here for the training of young men as seamen and firemen for the merchant marine. The ship, which will be refitted and put in service within a few weeks, will accommodate several hundred apprentices for intensive training courses of about six weeks. The Governor Cobb recently has been in the Boston and Yarmouth passenger service of the Eastern Steamship corporation.

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

FITCHBURG, March 26.—A statewide effort to develop means of making healthy and strong the internal life of the state in its industrial activities was inaugurated today at an industrial health conference held here under the state board of labor and industries, with the co-operation of the Massachusetts Medical society. Physicians, business men, labor leaders and social workers participated in discussions of industrial health work and the movement to eliminate as many as possible of the hazards of industry.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK

LONDON, March 26.—A British destroyer was sunk on March 23 in a collision, the admiralty announced last night. One officer and one of the crew were drowned.

SANFORDS GINGER

Best Ever for Colds Chills and Grip

Try this: Squeeze juice of one quarter of a lemon into a hot teacup. Add one teaspoonful of Sanfords Ginger, two of sugar, and fill up cup with boiling hot water. Drink hot and go to bed.

When purchasing look for the Owl Trade Mark on the wrapper lest you get a cheap, worthless or dangerous substitute. Forty-six years the standard of purity, flavor and strength. Sold by all druggists and grocers.

AMERICAN FIRMS ARE SEIZED BY GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, March 26.—The North German Gazette, the semi-official German government organ, announces that as a "reprisal" the following American firms have been placed under compulsory trusteeship: George Borgfeldt & Co., of Berlin; the F. W. Woolworth company, of New York; Louis Wolf & Co., of Boston; Butler Brothers, of Philadelphia, and the S. S. Kresge company of Detroit, all having branches at Sonneberg, Saxe-Meiningen.

John J. Burns of Westford street is the New England representative of the Borgfeldt Co.'s New York house. It is one of the largest concerns in the world.

Cast iron shells, once thought obsolete, are manufactured in France at the rate of 1,000,000 a day. They are more effective against earthworks than steel.

HOLD FAST TO YOUR
Liberty Bond

Don't sell it at a loss. Don't trade it. Don't borrow money on it at exorbitant rates. You don't have to, for if you need money, the Morris Plan will loan it to you.

THE BOND IS THE ONLY SECURITY NEEDED
NO ENDORSERS

Loans on Liberty Bonds at 6%

The government tells you to keep your bond. "Hold fast to the best investment in the world. It is my earnest hope that every purchaser of a Liberty bond will realize that the only genuine help he gives his government is by keeping his bond as an investment as long as it is possible for him to do so. Where, because of misfortune or imperative necessity the holder of a Liberty Bond is forced to sell, there can, of course, be no objection."—Secretary McAdoo.

When you borrow money from the Morris Plan Co. the Liberty Bond is yours ALL the time and it will be returned to you when the loan has been paid in full. You will continue to receive your dividends, to give your loyal support to the government and you will have the ready money to tide you over your necessity.

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18 Shattuck St. Capital $100,000
Incorporated Under the Laws of Massachusetts.
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FUEL ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS 139,000 TONS OF HARD COAL FOR COMING YEAR

The local fuel administration has recommended that Lowell coal dealers be supplied 139,000 tons of hard coal for the coming year beginning April 1. The tonnage for the year just closing amounted to 118,000 tons and the increase is based on an estimated increase of population of 10 per cent due to the expansion of industrial activities here and also on the depleted coal supply brought about by the extreme weather of the past winter.

That amount of hard coal which local dealers delivered in the past few years has been as follows: 1915-16, 107,500 tons; 1916-17, 102,300 tons; 1917-18, 118,000 tons.

The amount of coal recommended for the coming year has been divided up into allotments for the individual dealers. Owing to the increased tonnage recommended and the fact that one local dealer has gone out of business, the individual allotments have been increased on an average of 33 per cent. These recommendations will be the basis on which the coal companies in the zone fixed by the federal fuel administration to supply this district, will accept orders from dealers.

Washington has promised that New England will get her full quota of coal during the coming year, and this, in turn, means that Lowell will get her share.

Today's coal receipts were: Nine cars of hard coal and 38 of soft. Yesterday 94 priority cards were issued.

CELEBRATE FALSE REPORT OF BIG AMERICAN VICTORY

DUQOIN, Ill., March 26.—Erroneous reports of a great American victory in France, resulting in the capture of 30,000 Germans, led yesterday to a ratification meeting which developed into a "loyalty" demonstration. Three alleged pro-Germans were forced to kiss the flag.

Reports of the victory spread among the coal miners here last night and today they were idle in celebration.

SAVE FOOD HELP WIN THE WAR

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THRIFT STAMPS FIRST FLOOR

BASEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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All Day Wednesday and Thursday Morning

After weeks of preparation we are ready with our first big Spring Announcement in the great Basement Store—NEW stocks, NEW styles and SUPER values.

Chalifoux's Basement Departments

For Women, Girls and Children are Now Under the Direction of Our New Buyer

And have no connection whatever with the upstairs departments except that—both are Chalifoux's. This means greater values, lower prices, bigger varieties and vastly larger stocks. We now feature

Easter Styles at Lowest Basement Prices



Easter COATS
WOOL POPLIN
BURELLA
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$12.98

Easter Dresses
CREPE DE CHINE
TAFFETA
MESSALINE
Variety of Styles
$7.98



Wonderful New Spring Skirts, $3.98
NOVELTY CHECKS, VELOURS AND STRIPED PANAMA

Night Gowns of White Batiste, daintily trimmed with embroidery 69c
Combination Corset Cover and Drawers, lace and embroidery trimmed 69c
Corset Covers, lace and ribbon trimmed 25c
Extra Size Petticoats, made of white ripplette with deep double flounce 50c

Long White Petticoats of fine batiste with deep embroidered flounce 98c
Little Girls' Hats, ribbon and lace trimmed 69c
Blue and White Milan Hats, ribbon trimmed, 50c
Little Girls' Coats, in shepherd plaids, sizes 2 to 6 ..... $1.98

Children's Gingham Dresses, fancy plaids and stripes, also plain colors 59c
2 for $1.00

Girls' Smart Coats, sizes 6 to 14. Novelty checks, trimmed with collar and cuffs of contrasting colors $3.98

AMUSEMENT NOTES

KEITH'S THEATRE

Deiro is back at Keith's this week with all his old time power and skill as a piano-accordeonist. The mobile-faced, intensely intelligent tickler of the metallic reeds sends out voluminous offerings from his wind instrument and works with an energy that eventually results in beads of perspiration forming on his brow. His artistic interest in his work and the responsive sympathy of his audience are the real inspiration of his playing.

Deiro is said to be among these young men who will soon be called to the front for service and last evening his repertoire was intermittently punctuated with those swingy, punchy melodies that have been so prevalent for the past year. He would go through the sonorous paces of a classic and then almost before one could realize it, "Over There" would come streaming out in its staccato catchiness. Then he would jump to a musical comedy success from one of the new productions, and as the last soft strains floated away, there would burst out "Good-bye Broadway, Hello France." Thus he swayed from the sublime to—well, to that which is not wholly sublime, and every note he produced went "big" with his listeners. Deiro has personality, ability and interest.

Cyril Hickey is the dominating member of the offering given by the Three Hickey Brothers, acrobatic dancers. Cyril is the name given to him by his brothers on the stage, although that, of course, does not make its authenticity asbestos. But Cyril goes well with the character of the act and one will not dispute his real name. This particular member of the Hickey family is dressed "loosely" and he acts much in the same manner. His brothers appear in smart suits and demonstrate real ability as dancers and tumblers. The finale of the act is fertile with laughs.

Arthur Pickens & Co. present an active and fun producing skit whose novelty is based on a peculiar evolution of circumstances. Two couples are about to be married and one of the bridegrooms has presented to his prospective goddess an automobile as a wedding present. Said goddess is a motor fan, although her enthusiasm is more effective than her power over the driving wheel. She is determined to drive the car right away, although she has had but one lesson. Out into the night—9 p. m.—she ventures forth and throws in "high speed." A few minutes later there came tragic cries and a wounded man is brought into her apartment, the product of her Fordian abilities. Who the victim of the accident is and what he does about it make up the rest of the sketch and you must see it to get the full measure of smiles.

Carl Emmy has a troupe of terriers and a little woolly dog which he characterizes as the "back of a mop" at Keith's this week. Carl has names for each of the animals and compositely he calls them his "bunch of Janes." With all the due deference of a gentleman he requests each of his lady friends to do him various favors, such as leaping, balancing and sliding down an incline tall foremost. And almost without exception the "girls" do his bidding. One independent young lady has her doubts about the justice of her master's bidding, however, and only at stated periods will she obey his pleadings. And then she has an amusingly irritating way of assuming a kangaroo position when her friends wish to leap over her and—well, she might be called the ingenue of the offering.

Wellington & Sylvia open up the bill with an excellent juggling act. The "he" of the act combines real ability with amusing nonchalance and the lady is not objectionable to those with good eyesight.

Newell & Most, a boy and a girl with abundant youth in their favor, are entertaining in a music and comedy offering. The picture feature of the week is "Mother," with Elizabeth Risden in the leading role. Just as the picture begins, the audience is given a glimpse of Miss Risdon before she "makes up" as the mother, and although her characterization in the play is a most excellent one, still the spectator wonders if Miss Risdon wouldn't make a charming actress playing "straight." A fleeting glimpse of her real self left a desire for more and this was denied throughout the film. The picture itself is a sweet homely story of the rock-bound hills and valleys of Devonshire, England, and excellent character portraits predominate whatever action there is. The photography is remarkable.

The Hearst-Pathe News show among other things some of the effects of the new daylight saving law and is intensely interesting. Tickets for all performances may be obtained in advance at the box office. 'Phone 25.

THE STRAND THEATRE

The feature of the program at the Strand theatre for the first three days of the week is one of the latest productions by the World Film Corp., "The Way Out," an exceptionally pleasing drama, exceptionally pleasing because of the fact that the play is a new recreation and because it features such stars as June Elvidge, Muriel Ostriche, Carlyle Blackwell and John Bowers. The story is that of a mother who endeavors to break up the engagement between her daughter and a young business man. The mother, who is a society woman is eager to have her daughter marry a title, but she is too shrewd to openly oppose the engagement. She uses an altogether innocent occurrence to turn the young woman against the young business man and her efforts are crowned with success. She then takes the daughter to Paris, where she meets a count and eventually marries him. Despite all this the young woman still entertains a fond regard for her former lover and when they meet at her home he tells her of his suspicions regarding the scheme of her mother. During this visit the count appears and a tense and gripping scene is enacted between the trio. The climax of the story is a happy and fitting one to a long and interesting series of happenings in which the principals are engaged.

Another interesting film production is "The Shell Game," with Emily Whelen in the stellar role. The story contains enough humor to make it delightfully enjoyable, while the plot of the play remains a mystery until practically the close of the last scene. The comedy is another of the mile-a-minute type produced by the Vitagraph company, while the Strand Revue of Current Events is again at the top with its numerous interesting and instructive scenes of soldiers in this country and abroad.

The Symphony orchestra, under the leadership of Conductor Arthur J. Martel is featuring with the famous selection entitled "The Flying Angels," a new musical novelty, which is sure to be enjoyed by all. The electrical effects during this piece are unique. Conductor Arthur J. Martel again entertains with an organ recital that proves of interest to all lovers of good music. The bill will be changed Thursday.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

The biggest and best musical comedy company that Lowell has seen in many seasons is the Marcus Musical Revue, an organization of 30 funmakers, singers and dancers, including a two dozen American beauty chorus, which will open a spring and summer season of musical comedy at the Opera House, starting Easter Monday, April 1st, matinee and evening. There will be two performances daily, the matinee starting at 2.15 o'clock, and the evening performance at 8 o'clock. The program will be changed Thursday, giving two splendid big musical comedy successes each week. The prices charged will be 10 and 20 cents, with a few at 30 cents for the matinees, and in the evening the prices will be 10, 20 and 30 cents, with a few at 50 cents. The sale of seats opens Wednesday morning and as all seats are reserved, it is wise to order tickets early. Reservation can be made by phoning 261.

In securing the Marcus Musical Revue for Lowell the management of the Opera House has made a ten-strike and packed houses will rule from the opening performance on Monday. Heading this superb company of artists are Lew Williams and Frank Murray, a pair of exceptionally clever comedians, who, during the past few seasons, have been connected with Broadway's biggest musical comedy successes. These two young men have a wealth of joy material and are surrounded by the handsomest chorus of girls ever seen in any sical comedy successes. These two pearance in Lowell of this brilliant organization—Marcus' best—and that new records for hits here will be established seems certain.

In presenting the Marcus Musical Revue the management has secured an organization which will appeal to the ladies and children and at the matinees there will be a special reserved section which includes 1000 good seats at 10 cents.

A New York man arrested for hugging a street car conductor was given his choice of apologizing to her or going to jail. That was the height of gallantry—refusing to say he was sorry.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Supper and a social hour were the features of the monthly meeting of the Lowell Christian Endeavor society, which was held last evening at St. Paul's M.E. church. The attendance was large and at the close of the supper an entertainment program was given by the following: Mrs. Alice V. Champion, Miss Amy French, Miss Bessie Clark, Miss Ivy Bamber, Charles V. Barker, Miss Leila Davis and others. During the business session the annual convention to be held at Newton April 19 was discussed at length in an endeavor to work up enthusiasm for a large attendance from this city.

CHILD DIED IN KENWOOD, DRACUT, AS RESULT OF SWALLOWING A NUT

George G. Wilson, 21-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson of Kenwood, Dracut, died yesterday afternoon shortly after swallowing a nut.

The child was playing in the yard with several other children and putting a nut in his mouth swallowed it. He immediately began to show signs of distress and his mother was notified. She was unable to relieve the child's sufferings and a doctor was summoned, but all efforts to extricate the nut from the boy's throat proved fruitless, and he lived only about 15 minutes. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey.

MATHEW TEMPERANCE INSTITUTE

The members of the Mathew Temperance Institute met in regular session in their rooms in the Mansur building Sunday afternoon, Vice President P. Frank Reilly presiding. Twenty propositions for membership were received. The committee in charge of the recent Irish concert reported that the affair had been a big success. Four delegates were elected to represent the organization at the annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union, to be held in Boston April 19. The delegates will be John Townsend, John O'Neil, John C. Sargent and P. Frank Reilly.

NEXT MONDAY LAST DAY FOR FILING INCOME TAX SCHEDULE FOR 1917

Your cheers for the flag, and the colors in your buttonhole are on the level if you are square about income tax.

Next Monday, April 1, is the last day for filing your schedule of 1917 income with the government.

If you are single and earned $1000 during 1917, or if married and you earned $2000, get busy this week and avoid the stigma that attaches to delinquency in performing a war-time duty.

FOOD QUESTION TABOOED

LONDON, March 26.—The food question has reached a point when its eternal discussion has become intolerable, and many London clubs have placed signs up in their smaller sitting and smoking rooms announcing that the food question is tabooed in conversations there. One of the largest women's clubs in the West End has laid down a rule that any member or visitor alluding to the subject shall be fined and the penalty handed over to a Red Cross fund.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Division 8, A.O.H., was held last night in Hibernian hall, President M. J. Monahan occupying the chair. Four applications for membership were received and one new member initiated. Communications were received from the county board of director asking for a copy of the roll of honor of the division's members who are in the service.

The officers were instructed to attend the county convention and county board meeting, which will take place next Sunday in Woburn. The election of national delegates will take place at the convention. John Kenney, president of the Central council, will be a candidate for delegate; also one other who will be chosen on Wednesday evening, when a meeting of the council will be held to make arrangements for the convention.

The regular meeting of Loyal Integrity lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., was held in Odd Fellows hall last night, Noble Grand Sidney Frayer presiding. It was reported that Brother Hillman had joined the Canadian army and another star, making ten, will be added to the service flag. The blue degree was conferred upon three members by P.G. James P. MacArdle, N.G. Sidney Fryer and G.M. David Thomas. On the good of the order N.G. John Foster of Wamesit lodge being called upon for remarks made a most telling speech. One new member was elected by ballot. There were quite a number of visitors from Wamesit lodge and a very interesting meeting was closed with form in a most impressive manner at a late hour to meet again on Monday evening, April 8.

Integrity Staff association met Sunday, Vice President Severe Lambert presiding.

There was a very successful rehearsal of the drill under the efficient chief of staff, Thomas M. Smith, P.G. George E. Mackley, an old time member of the staff being present was called upon for remarks. He responded enthusiastically, saying he was glad to state he was no relation to the man recently sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for disloyal remarks. He was given a most cordial reception by the staff members, old friends and new.

The program for the social hour was as follows: Song, James Taylor; reading, Harry Taylor; reading, P.G. George E. Mackley; song, P.G.G.E. Mackley; song, N.G. James Cunningham of Merrimack Valley lodge; song, G.M. James Broadbent, of Merrimack Valley lodge; song, N.G. Sidney Fryer of Integrity lodge; reading, P.P.G.M. Edward T. Mackley; song, Edward Russell; reading, Thomas Hosty; reading, P.G. Geo. E. Mackley; trio, Edward Russell, Gerald Wilkinson, Charles Porter; reading, President Thomas M. Smith.

The regular meeting of Gen. Adelbert Ames camp, United Spanish War Veterans, was held last night in Memorial hall, Commander James F. Crowley in the chair. There was a large attendance and considerable routine business was transacted. One member was mustered in and two members were taken by reinstatement. Past Commander Mitchell reported for the committee on the state convention which will be held in Boston April 18 and 19. It was announced that the headquarters of the camp at this convention would be the Hotel Oxford. The meeting adjourned to attend the social of the Edith Prescott Wolcott auxiliary, held in the rooms downstairs.

BILLS HAVING TO DO WITH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND RABBITS

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 26.—By an overwhelming voice vote yesterday afternoon, the house killed a bill providing that superintendents of schools must be certified by the state board of education before being eligible to take up their duties. Advocates of the bill contended that its purpose was to advance the leadership of public school instruction from the status of an occupation to that of a profession, but its opponents declared it to be an attempt to centralize authority in the state board of education and to take away from towns and cities a considerable degree of their home-rule privileges.

The bill to extend the open season on rabbits, by adding the last 20 days of October to the month of November, was killed by an overwhelming vote. This bill was substituted last week for an adverse committee report, apparently as a personal compliment to Rep. Robert T. Kent of Pittsfield. HOYT.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY MASS. STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

A number of interesting agricultural circulars have recently been issued by the Massachusetts state board of agriculture, and these may be secured free of charge by writing to the secretary, Wilfrid Wheeler, 136 state house, Boston.

The titles are as follows:

Circular 76, "The Value of a Market News Service to Farmers and Fruit Growers," by H. W. Selby.

Circular 77, "The Work of the Federal Land Bank," by Leonard G. Robinson.

Circular 78, "Short Time Credit for Farmers," by Charles P. Holland.

Circular 79, "What Organization has done for the Milk Business," by Richard Pattee.

Circular 80, "The Significance of a Kernel of Corn," by George M. Twitchell.

Circular 81, "The Importance of Honey Production," by E. R. Root.

Circular 82, "The Relation of the Railroad to the Farmer," by G. A. Cullen.

Circular 83, "Directions for Growing Small Grains," by Wilfrid Wheeler.

Circular 84, "Public Markets in Massachusetts," by A. Edwards Annin, Jr.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AUTHORIZED TO BUY FARM MACHINERY

A bill has just been passed by the legislature and signed by the governor giving the Massachusetts state board of agriculture an appropriation of $100,000 to purchase farm machinery. Wilfrid Wheeler, secretary of the state board of agriculture, makes the following statement about the details of the plan:

"This is part of the drive which is being made by national and state agencies to increase the production of staple crops in Massachusetts in 1918. The machinery purchased will include tractor plows and harrows, grain drills, reapers and binders, corn harvesters, hay balers, and thrashing machines. The tractors will in most cases be operated by the state, and will do custom work for farmers. The cost to the farmer will be not more than $5 an acre for the plowing and harrowing. The seeding and harvesting machinery will be leased to farmers at a rental large enough to cover depreciation and interest. The balers and thrashing machines will be operated by the state. Machinery will not be placed except in towns where a sufficient acreage is guaranteed to keep it busy without the necessity of long hauls. A minimum acreage of 100 acres will be required in a locality. The crops on which the machinery is to be used are wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, potatoes and beans.

"Farmers wishing to get the use of this machinery are urged to communicate at once with their local food production committee, with the county farm bureau, or directly with the state board of agriculture."

State Board of Agriculture,
136 State House, Boston, Mass.
March 20, 1918.

GIFTS FOR BELGIAN SOLDIERS

Senator Henri La Fontaine, winner of the Nobel Peace Price in 1912, and at present head of the fund for "Gifts for Belgian Soldiers," authorizes the following:

"We have just been advised from Belgium that a university has been established at the front. The men have settled down to a long pull, and the younger men are preparing themselves for work of restoring Belgium after the war.

"The university has been started at ———. At first, some difficulty was encountered in establishing a physical plant, but now the building is equipped with heating system and electric light. For the time being, the courses will be confined to law, philosophy, poetry and rhetoric.

"M. Poullet, Belgian minister of art and science, and Lieut. Gen. Bibuyck are especially interested in the university which already has 200 students.

"Our fund for 'Gifts for Belgian Soldiers,' for which the Guaranty Trust company of New York has consented to act as depository, will be able to assist the university, as this fund does the same kind of work among Belgian soldiers that the American camp community fund does among American soldiers. We endeavor to supply those comforts to the soldiers which do so much for maintaining their morals. For the most part the things we supply are those beyond the reach of the soldiers with their meagre income of 10 cents a day allowed them by the state."

LOWELL'S POLICE WOMAN REPORTS TO THE MAYOR—LATTER MAKES STATEMENT

Police Inspector Emily M. Skilton, who was recently appointed to the position by Mayor Perry D. Thompson, has filed her first report with His Honor. Miss Skilton has been on the job over a week and has got right down to business at once. The mayor is much satisfied with her report and yesterday afternoon he gave out the following statement:

"Miss Skilton is not attempting to put anybody in jail. At least, primarily, her intentions are to keep people from the jails and other institutions, to put them on the right track so that there may be no need of arresting them. It is good, practical work, and she is getting a lot of assistance from persons who are interested in her work. She is very much pleased over the way she has been helped in so many ways. Later she will give out a little schedule of the places where she will be from time to time, so that mothers, wayward girls and others may come to her for advice in one way or another."

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Try as you will after an application of Danderine, you can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most, will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is immediate and amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; and incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance, the beauty and shimmer of true hair health.

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Danderine is to the hair what fresh showers of rain and sunshine are to vegetation. It goes right to the roots, invigorates and strengthens them. Its exhilarating, stimulating and life-producing properties cause the hair to grow long, strong and beautiful.

The Right Laxative For The Little Ones—

The natural condition of a child is to be happy and carefree. When the girl mopes and is indifferent to school and study; or the boy is sullen and refuses to go out and play; the child needs a laxative to empty the bowels and stir up the liver.

But something should be given that will produce the result in as simple and natural a way as possible. Harsh cathartics and physics are neither necessary nor desirable.

Many mothers have found that the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin sold by druggists under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin produces a free movement of the bowels without griping. A very little is required, and it is pleasant to take. A few hours after its use the child will be its happy self again.

It is an excellent remedy for the mother herself, and for the other members of the family; in obstinate or occasional constipation, for the relief of headaches; as an aid in colds and fevers; minor skin eruptions and all disorders where the basis of the trouble is constipation.

The druggist will refund the money you pay for Syrup Pepsin if it fails to do as promised.

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FREE SAMPLES

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the largest selling liquid laxative in America. If you have never used it and would like to sample it before buying, send your address for a free trial bottle to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 468 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. If you have babies in the family send for a copy of "The Care of the Baby."

SAVE FOOD AND HELP WIN THE WAR

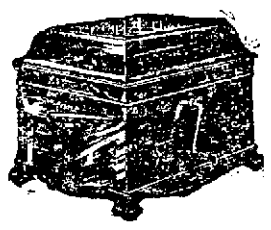
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With this combination you can remove your Victrola to your summer camp, or to the porch or from room to room. The combined price of Victrola IX with $10 worth of records and a $20 Pooley cabinet for $15 is but $82.50—value $87.50. Terms $1.00 a week.

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The prompt and positive results given by this pleasant tasting cough syrup have caused it to be used in more homes than any other remedy. It quickly loosens a dry, hoarse or tight cough, heals the inflamed membranes that line the throat and bronchial tubes, and relief comes almost immediately. Splendid for throat tickle, hoarseness, bronchitis, croup and bronchial asthma.

Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and has been used for generations for throat and chest ailments.

Avoid disappointment by asking your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions, and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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DEFENDS CASUALTY PLAN

Publication of Addresses Gave Information to Enemy and Claim Agents, Says Gen. March

WASHINGTON, March 26—An official statement of the war department's reasons for announcing only the names of American troops killed or wounded in France was submitted to the senate today by Major General March, acting chief of staff, with a statement that the department considered it of best advantage from all points of view.

General March wrote that the old system of giving addresses and other details gave information to the enemy and brought swarms of claim agents to harrass the relatives of the men.

The policy of the war department, he told the senate, "is to put in the hands of the nearest relative or the last friend given by the soldier in his emergency address prompt and accurate information concerning the casualty before anything is given to the press and to prevent any information appearing in the papers which will be of any possible assistance to the German cause."

"The old system," he added, "gave the date of the casualty and enabled the Germans to get exactly what effect was produced upon our troops in a raid of that date; and you would be interested to know that the publication of the emergency addresses brought down upon the relatives a swarm of claim agents, who guaranteed they would get from the government the war risk insurance which is guaranteed by law to the proper inheritor.

"In spite of the fact that the department has in each case advised the nearest relatives that their claim will be adjusted by the government and that they will be furnished the money that is due them without the interposition of claim agents, numbers of poor people have yielded to the importunities of these agents and are thereby deprived of a portion of what is justly their due.

"The raids which are being conducted along our front are for the purpose of capturing one soldier, if possible, with the object of obtaining from him information about the organization which is opposed to the German lines at this point. With the publication of the addresses of the nearest relatives the German agent in the United States approaches the relatives and obtains from them the information which Germany is attempting to obtain from our front by attacks on our forces. In France they publish no casualties list at all and the information reaches the relatives from the mayor or prefect of the town where the relatives live.

"The department is in receipt of letters from men of high standing in the country who have sons abroad protesting vigorously against any change in the new system and demanding that no information shall be given to the press which can in any possible way be of assistance to the Germans confronting their sons in France. It has developed also, according to an official communication from the Red Cross that the relatives of men who are killed in France are made victims of the most absurd propositions to exhibit themselves for money, etc., making their grief the object of exploitation by cheap notoriety seekers.

"The whole matter of a change in our former method in publishing casualty lists was brought up by a cablegram from Gen. Pershing in which he stated that representatives of the French government had formally protested against the methods that were then used. The specific case to which they referred was a statement given out in the United States officially which permitted the Germans to know definitely the effect of gas shells on a certain date. The whole subject was then thoroughly studied and the decision reached to adopt the policy which is the subject of your communication."



"PUTTING THE GRIN INTO THE FIGHT"

"Halt! Who goes there?"
"Go easy! Ya big boob, can't cha see I'm comin' back?"

MUSIC LESSONS BY A WORLD MASTER.



Youngsters of this age, says Leopold Godowsky, are ready to begin the serious study of the piano, and should have a teacher who combines knowledge with a reverent love for music.

Following is the second of a series of three free preliminary piano lessons for parent and pupil written especially for The Sun by Leopold Godowsky, the greatest and most highly paid master and teacher of piano technic in the world today.

Given the pupil and the teacher, your next problem is the choice of a piano. Here many parents make a grievous mistake. They say: "We will let Jane and Willie practice on this old piano that their mother used when she was a girl, and then when they have learned to play we will get a better one."

Or they say: "We will buy a second-hand piano until Jane and Willie have learned to play and are older. And then when they can take care of it we will buy a new one."

Now—any piano is better than none, and old pianos and second-hand pianos have their places. But their place is not under a beginner's fingers.

Maybe it is economical, for children to learn to ride a bicycle on a second-hand bicycle, but it is not economical to teach a child to play the piano on a worn-out instrument.

Children will not injure the best piano, if it is properly cared for, and they cannot learn best on any other.

The first thing that must be cultivated in a child is its ear, its sense of tone. It must drink in to the full the beauties of tone. It must learn to distinguish one tone from another. It must know and feel the difference in the smallest graduations of tone. It should develop a sense of absolute and relative pitch.

To train a child on a piano the tone of which has become dull and dead, and which is always sliding out of tune, is a serious error.

To train the child's ear and sense of beauty a piano of excellent tone should be secured—and it should be kept always absolutely in tune. This means tuning probably every three months. Listen! That is not extravagance. It is as good an investment as the piano itself, for it will double the life of your instrument.

The next thing that must be cultivated in the child is its technic. How can the mechanics of piano-playing, somewhat more delicate than the mechanics of pile-driving, be taught on a piano of broken-down, jerky, stiff or loose action?

Instead of using a makeshift instrument because the pupil is a beginner, let me say this to you: there is no other time in that pupil's career when the best instrument, instead of the poorest, is so vital.

Now that we have the piano and the teacher, the next question is how shall the teacher teach and how can the interested parent help the teacher?

The good teacher will show his pupil first that melody is beautiful, second that it is expressive, and third how to create it.

The good teacher will make the pupil hear the waves and the tossing trees, the voices and moods of nature and the voices and moods of mankind, in the music of the piano.

The good teacher will make the pupil understand how all music expresses these external things, or man's feelings in response to the stimuli of these external things or of his fellowmen. That is the business of music.

The good teacher will enlist the interest of the pupil in the lives and works of great musicians. Little stories and lectures will accomplish this.

And having taught the pupil how to catch the mood the music was meant to express, the teacher will train the child technically in the ways of reproducing this mood so that others may thus be made to feel what the teacher has taught the child to feel the composition.

These things all go hand in hand. And the parent can help the teacher by leading the child through parental interest to love, understand and wish to reproduce these things. That is what the parent should do, instead of merely driving the child by threat or switch to so many minutes of "practice" each day.

Practice without concentration and understanding is largely wasted. Let the parent sympathetically and wisely help the child to love music. Then the child will understand, will concentrate and will practice without so much of the driving method.

Because of low water in Red river, Fisher (Minn.) residents will be allowed to take baths only on days designated by the council.

BUY EARLY, WARNING ON COAL REPEATED

WASHINGTON, March 26.—More than 600,000 tons loss in coal production last week caused the fuel administration last night to reiterate warnings contained in the announcement of its zone distribution system that next winter's supply of fuel should be laid in early to keep mines working to capacity. The falling off, if continued, officials said, will mean serious shortage in fuel next winter to those sections not forehanded enough to buy in advance.

In working out a zone system for the distribution of coal, allotting a certain territory to each producing field so as to avoid cross-hauling and other transportation evils, the normal production and consumption of coal have been balanced so evenly that any drop in output will mean innumerable difficulties in obtaining fuel after cold weather sets in, especially as war needs increase.

The fuel administration holds that, having provided a normal and economical method of distributing fuel, it cannot go further than its warning to consumers to buy early.

Accumulation of reserve fuel by the administration to fill shortages next winter is not considered either wise or feasible.

Criticisms of price reductions by the administration have been answered by Fuel Administrator Garfield in a letter to Senator Thomas, who recently announced that Colorado mines were closing because of low prices. Dr. Garfield said that the cost sheets furnished by the mines to the federal trade commission "do not warrant the assumption that they have closed down because of inability to operate at a profit."

A committee of engineers which investigated reported that the reduction in summer prices to encourage storage was made at the request of the Colorado operators' committee and that the senator was misinformed on relative costs as to the Trinidad and bituminous domestic fields.

LOWELL SOLDIER REMOVED FROM NEW YORK TO HOSPITAL IN BALTIMORE

Private Arthur Gagnon of Battery F, who recently arrived in New York from France, and who expected to come to his home in this city within a few days, has been removed to a hospital in Baltimore, Md.

Private Gagnon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hercule Gagnon of 503 Fletcher street. As soon as word was received from him to the effect that he was in New York and an invalid, Mrs. Gagnon went to New York, and she arrived just in time to see her son, who was being taken to Baltimore. Mrs. Gagnon was informed that her son had not been wounded, but that his feet are in bad condition and as soon as he is able to walk he will return to his home.

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EXTRAORDINARY DEMAND FOR LIBERTY BONDS

NEW YORK, March 26.—An extraordinary demand for Liberty bonds, particularly the second 4s at an advance of ½ per cent to 97½ was the striking feature of today's early dealings on the stock exchange. Transactions in these bonds in the first half hour approximated $5,000,000 par value.

The demand probably resulted from publication of the details connected with the forthcoming third loan. Bankers evidently were surprised at the relatively small amount of the new issue, as well as the interets rate as it had been predicted that the new issue would be on a 4½ per cent basis. Certain other features of the new loan, including its non-convertible clause, also were regarded as especially advantageous to existing issues.

PLANS FOR INTERMENT OF DR. KARL MUCK

BOSTON, March 26.—Dr. Karl Muck, conductor of the Boston Smphony orchestra, who first came to this country in 1906 on special leave granted by Emperor William, set for many hours in the detention room at the federal building today while arrangements were made by agents of the department of justice to have him locked up, probably for the duration of the war, as an enemy alien.

Although he declined to discuss the causes leading to his arrest last night, Dr. Muck's manner indicated rather plainly that he deeply resented being locked up over night in a cell at the Back Bay police station. There was no prospect of his immediate release, however, for while government officials would not reveal the specific nature of th charge on which h was arrested, they admitted that Dr. Muck would be sent later in the day to the East Cambridge jail, and held there pending orders from Washington.

Several of the conductor's friends went to the federal building to see him, among those being Mrs. John L. Gardner, who waved her hand to him in friendly greeting as she passed the door of the detention room.

Charles A. Ellis, manager of the orchestra who has been vehement in denying charges relating to the musician's pro-German utterances and activities visited the police station and went with the prisoner to the office of John ℞. Mitchel, United States marshal.

Maj. Henry L. Higginson, Civil war veteran and banker, who long has supported the organization of which Dr. Muck was the conductor, and who had defended him heretofore when public indignation was aroused in many cities, refused today to comment on the sensational turn of affairs. At his home Major Higginson conferred with members of the orchestra and discussed the question of assigning another conductor for the performance at Symphony hall this afternoon and tonight. Friends of the organization suggested to federal authorities the propriaty of permitting Dr. Muck to officiate, but this was refused bluntly.

NAVAL PATROL VESSEL THE ADMIRAL, LOST

NEW YORK, March 26.—A naval patrol vessel, the Admiral, ran on the rocks off Scituate, Mass., last night and is a total loss, the navy department is advised. All officers and crew were saved and considerable small material was taken off.

GRASS AND BRUSH FIRES

Grass and brush fires kept some of the firemen actively engaged today. At 11.40 o'clock the members of Hose 12 were called to extinguish a grass fire at 417 Hildreth street and at 12.30 o'clock Engine 4 was called to Boylston street where there was a brush fire in progress. At 2.10 o'clock a telephone alarm caused Engine 5 to go to First street to extinguish a brush fire.

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THE STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, March 26.—Heavy buying of Liberty bonds, especially the second 4s at an extreme advance of 1-2 of 1 per cent. was the outstanding feature of today's early operations on the stock exchange. The list as a whole reflected the feeling of quiet confidence prevailing in high financial quarters. Prices were slightly irregular but fractional reverses in some of the more important issues were soon retrieved. Shippings, especially Marine pfd. were active and strong. U. S Steel was almost the only leader to show marked pressure.

The market was largely influenced during the morning by the enormous absorption of Liberty bonds and the reassuring news from abroad. Shippings and investment rails contributed to the general rally. Gains in Marines and Atlantic-Gulf ranged from 1 to 1 3-4 points and in rails the advance extended from large fractions to 1 1-4 points. A block of $1,000,000 (par value) Liberty second 4s changed hands at 97 1-2. Fluctuation in that issued varied from 97.24 to 97.60. First 4s sold at 97.20 to 97.38 and 3 1-2s from 98.40 to 98.60.

The demand for Liberty bonds, all of which extended their gains of the morning, imparted additional firmness to stocks. Rails of the better class were 1 to 2 points higher but motors and utilities reacted.

Rumors of an unsatisfactory government steel schedule caused a moderate but general reaction in the last hour. The closing was irregular. Liberty 3 1-2s sold at 98.40 to 99; first 4s at 97.20 to 97.70 and second 4s at 97.24 to 97.94.

New York Clearings

NEW YORK, March 26.—Exchanges, $624,652,440; balances, $66,937,930.

Cotton Futures

NEW YORK, March 26.—Cotton futures opened steady. May, 33.75; July, 32.06; October, 30.95; December, 30.66.

Futures closed steady. May, 32.90; July, 32.24; October, 31.10; December, 30.39; January, 30.77. Spot quiet; middling 34.40.

Money Market

NEW YORK, March 26.—Mercantile paper four months 6, six months 6. Sterling: Sixty day bills 4.72¼; commercial sixty day bills in banks 4.71¾; commercial sixty day bills 4.71¼; demand 4.75 6-16; cables 4.76 7-16. Francs: Demand 6.72¾; cables 6.71⅞. Guilders: Demand 45¾; cables 46¼. Lire: Demand 8.78; cables 8.77. Rubles: Demand 13½; cables 14 nominal. Bar silver 92⅛. Mexican dollars 74; government bonds strong; railroad bonds firm.

Time loans firm; sixty day bills, ninety days and six months 6 bid.

Call money strong; high 6; low 5¾; ruling rate 5¾; closing bid 5¾; offered at 6; last loan 6.

NEW YORK MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Allis Chalmers	23½	23¼	23¼
Am Beet Sugar	76	76⅛	76⅜
Am Can	40½	39¾	40¼
Am Can pf	94	94	94
Am Car & Fn	76¾	75¼	75½
Am Cot Oil	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
Am Hides L Com	12¼	12⅛	12⅛
Am Hide & L pf	56⅞	55⅞	55⅞
Am Locomo	61⅞	61	61¼
Am Smelt & R	77	76⅜	77
Am Sugar Rfn	101½	101⅜	101⅜
Am Sumatra	89⅞	88	89¼
Am Wool	51⅛	49⅛	51⅛
Anaconda	62¾	61	62½
Atchison	82¾	82½	82½
Atlantic Gulf	107	105¼	106¼
Baldwin Loco	74⅝	73¾	73¾
Balt & Ohio	52½	51¾	52⅜
Beth Steel A	78¾	78⅜	78⅜
Beth Steel B	77¾	76¾	76¾
Br Rap Tran	40½	40½	40½
Cal Pete	15¾	15¾	15¾
Canadian Pa	139⅛	137	138½
Cent Leather	64¼	63¾	64
Ches & Ohio	56¾	55¾	56
Chi & Gt W pf	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Chic R I & Pac	19¾	19½	19¾
Chile	15¼	15	15
Col Fuel	37⅛	37½	37⅛
Consol Gas	84⅞	84⅞	84⅞
Corn Products	36⅝	36	36⅝
Crucible Steel	63⅝	61⅝	62
Cuba--Cane Sugar	29	29	29
Den & Rio G pf	8	8	8
Dis Secur Co	40⅝	39	39⅝
Erie	15¼	15	15
Erie 1st pf	28¾	27½	27⅝
Erie 2d pf	20	20	20
Gen Elec	136½	136	136½
Gen Motors	117½	115¾	116
Gt North pf	88½	88⅜	88⅜
Gt N Ore ctf	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝
Illinois Cen	96	95	95
Int Met Com	7¼	7⅛	7¼
Int Mer Marine	25⅝	24⅝	25⅜
Int Mer Marine pf	93	90½	92⅝
Int Paper	30	29⅞	30
Kennecott	30⅜	30	30¼
Kan City So	15⅞	15⅝	15¾
Lackawanna Steel	76¼	76	76
Lehigh Valley	57	57	57
Mex Petroleum	93¾	91¼	92⅛
Missouri Pa	21⅞	21½	21½
Nat Lead	56	56	56
N Y Air Brake	125	125	125
N Y Central	69½	69	69
Nor & West	102	103	103
North Pacific	84⅝	84½	84⅝
Ont & West	20	20	20
Pennsylvania	44⅜	44¼	44⅜
People's Gas	43½	42	42⅛
Pitts Coal	52	51	52
Pressed Steel	59⅝	59	59⅝
Ry St Sp Co	60⅞	60⅝	60⅞
Reading	81⅜	79⅜	80
Rep Iron & S	78⅛	77½	77⅞
Rep I & S pf	97½	97½	97½
St. Paul	41½	41	41
Sloss-Sheffield	51	51	51
So Pacific	83¾	82⅞	82⅞
Southern Ry	23¾	23½	23⅝
Southern Ry pf	60¼	59⅞	60¼
Studebaker	46⅝	42⅜	43⅛
Tenn Copper	15½	15½	16⅛
Union Pacific	119⅞	117⅞	119
U S Ind Alcohol	123¾	122	122⅞
U S Rub	54½	54½	54½
U S Rub pf	103½	103	103⅛
U S Steel	89¾	88¼	88⅞
U S Steel pf	109	109	109
U S Steel 6s	97⅝	97½	97½
Utah Copper	78¾	77⅝	78¼
Wabash A	7¾	7¾	7¾
Wabash B	41½	41	41¼
Willys Overland	17½	17⅛	17⅛
Westinghouse	40¼	40⅛	40½
Western Un	92	92	92

BOSTON, March 26.—Early weakness in the local stock market was followed before noon by a general recovery which carried many prices above the opening.

BOSTON MARKET

RAILROADS

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Boston Elevated	49	49	49
Bos & Maine	22	22	22
N Y & N H	28¾	27⅝	27⅝

MINING

Alaska Gold	1¾	1⅝	1⅝
Cal & Ariz	67½	67½	67½
Cal & Hecla	35	31	31
Chino	40	40	40
Copper Range	44¾	44⅛	44¼
Davis Daly	5⅞	5⅝	5⅝
Granby	76	76	76
Hancock	8½	8½	8½
Inspiration	46	42¾	45
Isle Royale	21½	21½	21½
Mayflower	75	65	80
Miami	30⅝	30⅜	30⅝
Nevada	18⅛	18⅛	18⅜
New Idria	16¼	16¼	16¼
Nipissing	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝
North Butte	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞
Quincy	70	70	70
Ray Con	22¾	22¾	22¾
Superior & Boston	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝
U S Smelting pf	45¾	46⅜	45⅜
Utah Cons	9¾	9¾	9½
Wolverine	28½	28	28

TELEPHONE

Am Tel & Tel	101½	99¾	100⅛
New Eng Tel	88¾	88	88

MISCELLANEOUS

Am Woolen	51½	49⅛	51⅛
Am Woolen pf	93½	93¾	93¾
Island Creek Coal	64	64	64
Pond Creek	19¾	19	19⅜
Swift & Co	120¼	120	120¼
United Sh M	44¾	44⅛	44⅛
United Sh M pf	26½	26	25

HUGE SACRIFICE OF LIFE

British Military Attache Discusses Great Battle—Big Improvement in Situation

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Information received today by the British military attache, Maj. Gen. James D. McLachlan is that the situation at the battle front decidedly improved yesterday. The advices are based on the repulse of the Germans to the east bank of the Somme between Peronne and Morschain.

The following explanation of the battle situation was given to The Associated Press today by Gen. McLachlan:

"The position in the battle zone is now clearer and it is possible to get a more general view of what has happened during the first five days' fighting.

"It is clear that yesterday the situation improved considerably. On the Somme between Morschain and Peronne the Germans were driven back to the eastern bank of the river. Several heavy attacks on other parts of the new line have been repulsed and the line in general is being held. British and French reserves are being brought up.

"The first phase of the battle is in fact over. It has not, however, ended so successfully for the German armies as Hindenburg would have the world believe. It is clear now that the German intention was to crush our first line with overwhelming masses of troops and break right through into the open country behind. It is plain that Amiens was their objective in battle.

"The Germans counted on breaking down the allied resistance at the start. As orders which have been captured on their officers prove, they evidently anticipated that resistance would weaken as they pressed forward and that each day they would advance farther than the last, until they had succeeded in bringing about on the western front open warfare of a kind which has not been seen in France or Belgium since the first months of the war.

"The enemy has failed in this effort. With a huge sacrifice of life, he has bent back the allied line by his onslaught, but has failed to break it. His progress, instead of increasing from day to day, was greatest on the first day and has slowed down steadily since then.

"Now, so far as can be seen, he is being held by an undismayed and effective defense. He may, of course, make further advances, but so long as our line is not broken, we can afford to retreat still farther without giving him a victory to compensate him for his immense losses.

"And if the German losses are out of all proportion to the ground won, the allied losses in men and guns, though considerable, are being rapidly replaced. Also behind the allies stand the resources of the United States in man power and material, while German man power must undoubtedly be insufficient to meet the continued demands on anything like the same scale as the losses that they have suffered during the last five days."

PREPARE COUNTER BLOW
Continued

waste in the retirement to the Hindenburg line a year ago.

British Airmen Aid Army

British airmen continue to give strong help to the infantry and artillery, and the latest statement reports that they accounted for 67 enemy machines, 45 of which were shot down. The British loss was ten. Entente aviators also have bombed Cologne and railway stations behind the battle line as well as airdromes and billets.

British Advance in Palestine

In Palestine, British troops, crossing the river Jordan in force north of Jericho, are within three miles of Essalt, south of Mt. Gilead. They have now covered nearly half the distance between the river and the Hedjas railway to the east.

French War Report

PARIS, March 26.—The battle continues with the greatest violence and the Germans are making still greater efforts along the whole front between Noyon and Chaulnes, the war office announces.

Noyon was evacuated by the French during the night. The left bank of the Oise is being held firmly by the French.

The statement follows: "The battle continues with violence. During last night the enemy multiplied his attacks on the whole front between Noyon and Chaulnes. The French artillery, well established in the region of Noyon and supported effectively by our infantry, is retarding the German thrust. Frequent counter-attacks have been made and heavy losses inflicted on the enemy.

"Noyon was evacuated during the night in perfect order. The French are holding the left bank of the Oise firmly."

British War Reports

LONDON, March 26.—The fighting died down during the night, the war office reports. The British established themselves in new positions east of Roye and Albert.

The Germans this morning began new attacks against the combined French and British forces south of the Somme.

The German losses have been so great that the enemy has been obliged to bring up reinforcements from all parts of the western front. The war office has established the fact that more than 70 German divisions (in the neighborhood of 840,000 men) have been engaged.

The statement follows:

"The fighting died down during the night. Our troops established themselves on new positions east of Roye and Albert.

"North of the Somme continuance of the fighting is expected but it has not yet developed. Attacks are reported to be developing this morning south of the Somme against our troops and those of the French in the neighborhood of Roye and Chaulnes.

"The enemy's losses continue to be severe. He has been obliged to reinforce his battle front from all parts of the western theatre. Over 70 hostile divisions are known to have been engaged in the battle."

WILLIAM McNIFF HONORED

The home of Mrs. Maria McNiff at 29 Bourne street was the scene of a merry gathering Sunday evening when a party of relatives and friends assembled to wish God-speed to her son, Mr. William F. McNiff, who is soon to depart as a member of the naval reserve. The affair was in the form of a surprise. Upon the young man's return to spend a quiet evening with his immediate family, the lights were switched on suddenly and he found himself in the midst of his friends. He was presented a number of useful gifts and although quite surprised, expressed his gratitude for the thoughtfulness of his friends and assured them that he would soon return. In the course of the evening an enjoyable musical program was carried out. The pianists were Miss Mary McNiff, Miss Kinny and Miss Brown. Master Thos. McNiff played a number of violin selections admirably. A buffet luncheon was served by the Misses Mary and Rose McNiff, assisted by Mrs. George F. Lee and Miss Gertrude Smith. The finale of the evening was the singing of the national anthem.

N. B. COMMITTEE READY TO START DRIVE FOR THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

BOSTON, March 26.—The New England Liberty loan committee telegraphed Secretary McAdoo that in view of the "unexpectedly small amount" asked, there was every reason to believe that the new loan would go through to success. Mr. McAdoo was informed that the committee was prepared to start the campaign at once.

LODGE ATTACKS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Stirred by the menace of the great German offensive the senate spent today's debate almost entirely on subjects connected with the war and heard Senator Lodge of Massachusetts deliver a denunciation of the delays which had prevented greater forces from the United States being placed beside those of the allies in the critical hour.

Situation Terrible

He characterized the situation now confronting this country as "terrible" and urged that the American people be told the truth.

"The fate of this war is trembling in the balance," he declared. "Our gallant allies are holding back the Germans with sacrifices and courage that goes past eulogy. In this dark hour it is a crime to keep from the people the facts that Germany herself knows."

Urges Draft Amendment

Senator Lodge urged adoption of the amendment to the draft law introduced by Senator New of Indiana, providing for compulsory military training of boys between 18 and 21.

It had been known for weeks, Senator Lodge declared, that we had no fighting planes in France. He continued:

Front Undefended in Air

"Our front is undefended in the air. French and British have use for every plane they can bring up and our men are not defended. We've no guns in France except a few old coast guns. That's the hard fact."

"Six months we wasted while we were trying to improve the French 75-millimetre gun, the best in the world. And now we have no guns and have gone back to the French plan.

"We have turned out only two American ships, although the country has been led to believe there were 36 ships. Some of these were ships obtained by foreign countries and completed by the shipping board, which has been in existence since September, 1916.

Let People Know Truth

"It is to the last degree painful to say these things—but it is truth. Let the American people know the truth, whether good or bad. Then we will have grim determination, setting of teeth. Tell them the truth where we are today. The world looked to us a year ago to come to the rescue of the situation. If the situation is to be saved it will only be by the resources and man power of the United States.

"What have we shown? A wasted year. We may be fighting before very long for our very existence as an independent nation.

"I have held my peace for a long time, but the day is gone by to hold my peace. The situation is well known to every senator and to the members of the military committee, who have done such great work during the past winter. But one can no longer stand by in silence.

"I, as an individual, as an American citizen, want the American people to know what the situation is—so that they may rise up to meet it."

Consider War Department Bill

WASHINGTON, March 26—After more than two hours' discussion of the war situation today, the senate again resumed consideration of the war department bill amending the draft law to require registration of youths who had attained 21 years of age since June 5, 1917, including Senator New's compulsory military service amendment for training youths between 19 and 21 and 21 years.

COMMISSIONED LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT

SPRINGFIELD, March 26.—Charles H. Tenney of this city, head of numerous gas and electric lighting concerns in Massachusetts and New York state has been commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the ordnance department and called to Washington for some form of expert service for the government. The exact nature of his duties has not been made public.

FREIGHT TRAIN DERAILED

SANDOWN, N. H., March 26.—A broken wheel caused the derailment of eight freight cars on the Worcester, Nashua & Portland division of the Boston & Maine railroad here today. Fireman James Murtagh of Nashua was seriously injured. Passenger and freight trains were re-routed while the road was being cleared this afternoon.

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN NEXT FEW HOURS

Results Expected to Lead to Betterment of British Armies Which are Steming German Onslaught

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 26 (By the Associated Press).—There is reason to believe important events will be recorded within the next few hours which may lead to a betterment of the position of the armies which are stemming the German onslaught.

The enemy is fighting desperately hard against time. On the first day his reserves were reduced to 52 divisions. At the end of the second day some 40 divisions from the reserves had been put in.

A heavy German attack yesterday about Ervillers was completely smashed by the British artillery fire.

The withdrawal was not due to pressure against this sector of the line. Reports from all along the front indicate that the German loss of life yesterday was heavy. The enemy advanced against allied gunners who were firing with open sights.

Last night British airmen took heavy toll from the German infantrymen in Bapaume.

130 German Airplanes Doomed

No official figures are at hand but from compilations made personally the correspondent is convinced that at least 130 German airplanes have been brought down in the last five days.

The fighting yesterday continued with more or less intensity along the whole line. The Germans pushed hard in the neighborhood of Fonches, Chaulnes, Estrees, Dompierre, Mericourt, Miraumont, Achiet Le Grand, Sapignies and Ervillers. Heavy fighting occurred about Grevillers and a desperate conflict was waged in the vicinity of Nesle, which the Germans now hold.

The enemy also attacked strongly in the direction of Noyon, but met with strenuous resistance, which appeared to stem the advance. A further massing of German troops was reported at Peronne and north of Bapaume, both of which the enemy holds.

Bapaume Turned Into Inferno

Bapaume was turned into an inferno by squadrons of British aviators. Their bombs tore to pieces whatever was left of the place. The work of the British airmen since the beginning of the battle has been one of the brightest pages. Bitter battles in the air have been fought by scores of aviators, and the service has proved fully its ability to smother the German airmen at a crucial time.

The compilations of German airplane losses made by the correspondent have reference to only one section of the battle front, comprising perhaps two-thirds of the line affected.

During the night there was comparatively little change in the line. No heavy attack this morning had been reported up to 10 o'clock. The British were still holding the enemy strongly about half way between Combles and Albert.

Farther north some gains were achieved by the assaulting troops.

The British during the night fell back somewhat from the line through Ervillers and Sapignies in order to straighten the front, which bulged inward just to the south.



DRUNK, AND GETTING DRUNKER!

WITH THE ARMY AND NAVY

Daniel J. McGeevor, manager of the Atlantic and Pacific branch store in Belvidere, was accepted for the naval reserve at the local navy station this morning and was forwarded to Boston for final examination. He lived at 60 Keene street. With him went James E. Murphy, 16 Litchfield terrace, and Edward T. P. O'Connor, 82 Walker street. The three Lowell men were scheduled to sail for Norfolk, Va., this afternoon.

Lowell men who would like to become members of one of the most fascinating branches of regular army life, the tank service, have an opportunity to do so, according to a telegram received recently by Sergt. Cox of the local regular army station. Men outside the draft age are wanted and their training is to take place on the ground where the battle of Gettysburg was fought, Camp Gettysburg, Pa. Men desiring to enlist should write to the director of tank service at Gettysburg, stating their qualifications.

Edward Barlow of Winooski, Vt., was forwarded to Boston today from the local army station as a recruit for the engineer corps.

Russell McDermott, formerly a well known druggist in Lowell, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in the medical corps at Camp Devens.

Jack Worthy of High street has joined the merchant marine service having enlisted at the customs house, Boston, as a fireman. Worthy was on the S.S. Devonian of the Leyland line when she was sunk on August 21, 1917, off the north of Ireland. He has had extensive travelling experience. He is a member of the Aetna Campers.

If you want to buy, sell or exchange anything, try a Sun want ad.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HEAR FARM WORK DIRECTOR

Stephen R. Dow, director of farm work for boys in this state, addressed all the boys of the Lowell high school this morning in the school hall on the matter of enrolling in the United States Boys' Working Reserve for farm work during the coming summer.

Mr. Dow explained in detail the need of boys on the farm this summer owing to war conditions and urged Lowell boys between 16 and 21 to look upon enrollment for this work as just as patriotic a duty as that of enlisting in the army or navy. He told of the camps which had been established by the state last summer and the success of these; similar camps are to be established this summer in communities where farmers will undertake to provide employment for at least 25 boys.

Mr. Dow's audience seemed an enthusiastic one and enrollment will begin at the high school office at once.

BOSTON BOY KILLED IN SEAPLANE ACCIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 26.—A seaplane accident at Pensacola, Fla., resulting in the death of Ensign Michael Joseph Delehanty, naval reserves, 66 Bowdoin street, Boston, Mass., was reported today to the navy department.

In the fertile peat fields of southern California, the heavy draft horse would be useless for plowing but for a wooden shoe, which can be quickly clamped on the horses' hoofs. With his wooden shoes the horse can walk safely on a surface of peat that quivers like jelly.

EVERETT TRUE



U.S. MUST INCREASE ARMY

Gen. Wood Calls for 5,000,000 Men—Says the German Drive Will Fail

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Back from a visit to the western front, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, in a confidential statement yesterday before the senate military committee, declared that allied military opinion is unanimous that the German offensive will fail, and urged a great increase—to 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 men—in America's army.

It was Gen. Wood's opinion, according to his auditors, that the Germans on the western front now are numerically superior, both on the ground and in the air, but that the allies are in a better position.

While confident that the German offensive will be halted before the enemy had gained any material objectives, Gen. Wood suggested that the offensive may change the warfare into a more open contest. For that reason he recommended the training of American forces for open warfare as well as for trench fighting.

Says French Are Disappointed

The general was before the committee for three hours. Stating that the French are disappointed in the size of the American army thus far sent to Europe, according to committee members, he recommended immediate steps to increase both the American expeditionary forces and the army in training in this country.

Chairman Chamberlain said General Wood recommended that an army of 2,500,000 men be maintained in France at the earliest possible moment and 2,500,000 more in training at home. Another committee member placed Gen. Wood's recommendations at 4,000,000,000 men one-half in France as soon as they can be sent there.

In urging that the American war program of men, ships and munitions be speeded up and increased, General Wood said no American artillery or airplanes are yet available to General Pershing's men and that, although 1000 American aviators are ready, they are without planes.

Drive Will be Short Lived

Commenting on the German offensive, Gen. Wood, according to members of the commitee, said that although the initial success of the Germans probably had been greater than expected, either by the allies or the enemies, judged by the number of British guns reported captured, he and allied officers believed the drive would be short-lived. There is no possibility, he said, of the Germans attaining their apparent objective, the channel ports or threatening Paris.

Explaining the viewpoint of allied officers with whom he recently talked and who were expecting the present attack, he said the Germans soon will reach more difficult ground to traverse, while the British and French retire to superior prepared positions, at which the German offensive will be stopped.

Pershing's Men in Fine Condition

Gen. Wood declared that Gen. Pershing's men are in fine condition and well equipped. Training has been rapidly accomplished and supplies are plentiful.

In urging the necessity for more ships Gen. Wood criticised present shipping arrangements and said he had suggested to the war department that fast and slow ships be segregated in the convoys, so that fast ships will not be held back by the slower vessels.

The breakdown of Russia has greatly improved the morale of the German army and the German people, Gen. Wood said. He added that America should pay more attention to the Italian situation, and suggested that Americans to Italian origin be sent to Italy to combat the German propaganda, which has been active in that country.

Handicapped by Lack of Planes

Associated Press despatches from the American front telling of the freedom with which German airplanes flew over the American lines owing to the lack of American airplanes with which to combat them, were confirmed by Gen. Wood.

The French flyers on both sides of the American sector have been protecting the American front against enemy airmen, the general said, but at times they are too busy elsewhere to afford adequate protection, with the result that the German airplanes have absolute freedom. At times, he said, the Germans flew so low that the Americans were able to fire at them with revolvers.

"Gen. Wood fully discussed the situation from the time that he left this country up to his return," said Chairman Chamberlain in a statement after the conference. "He discussed ships, man-power of both France and Great Britain and the necessity for activity in America in getting to the front. He realizes that more ships are absolutely essential to success.

Would Strengthen General Staff

"The general had some criticism to make and many ideas," said Senator Chamberlain. "He felt that the American industrial program should be pushed and not slackened in the least. He thought, also, that more raw materials might be sent abroad to be manufactured in France, and that, I understand, is the policy of the war department—to increase shipment of raw materials for French manufacture."

The Liberty motor, Gen. Wood said, according to Senator Chamberlain, should be used mostly in bombing machines. He thought the foreign motors, having been tried and proven, should be used in the combat planes.

Strengthening of the army general staff also was urged by Gen. Wood. So many former experts on the general staff, he said, have asked and been given work in France that, while Gen. Pershing has a splendid staff, that in the war department has been depleted and should be built up for advisory purposes.

FOE ACTIVE NEAR AMERICAN LINE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 25 (By the Associated Press).—The American positions on a certain part of the Toul front were bombarded with mustard gas shells at the rate of six a minute last night but ineffectively. The American artillery replied with a heavy fire and demolished segments of the German front lines and other points.

A German airplane flew over the American lines during the night and dropped a shell which did not explode but dug a deep hole. At noon today a French airplane brought down a German machine opposite the American trenches.

American observers find increased activity behind the enemy line. Many horses, vehicles and bicycles are moving along the roads. The usual patrols were active during the night and an American party found a camouflage suit abandoned by a German sniper.

American gunners have bombarded the mouth of a tunnel inside the German lines and an observation post recently discovered.

FINNISH RED GUARDS FLEEING IN PANIC

STOCKHOLM, March 25.—The front of the Finnish Red Guards has been broken and they are fleeing southward in panic, according to reports received here today. The decisive strike was delivered in the form of a flanking movement on the east. Suinula station has been occupied.

The Red Guards are reported to have left behind them large stores of guns, railway trucks and ammunition, as well as many prisoners.

The Red Guards, who are supported by the Bolsheviki, have been carrying on civil war with the White Guards, who presumably were assisted in the battle by German troops recently sent in.

POLICE ON LATE NIGHT PATROL WILL WORK ONE 7-HOUR TRICK

Despite the fact that the members of the police department were much disappointed when the municipal council turned them down on their request for an increase in pay, the members of the second night platoon or early morning shift are taking consolation in the fact that next Sunday morning they will work one hour less when the hands of the clock are pushed ahead one hour at two o'clock in the morning.

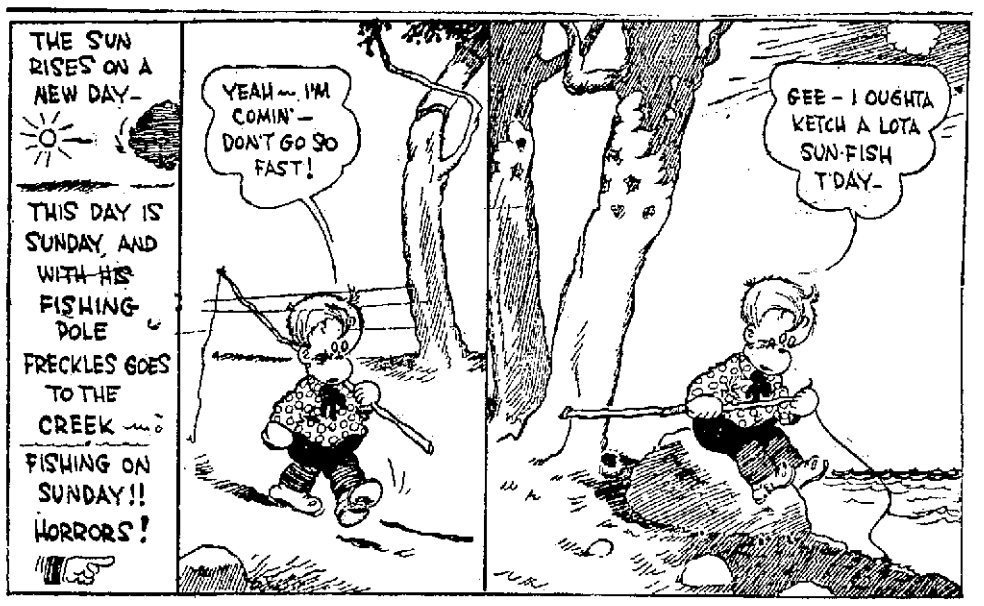
At the present time the officers on the late night shift report for duty at 12.30 o'clock and quit work at 8.30 o'clock in the morning, an eight hour shift, but when the clock is pushed ahead an hour the men will finish at 8.30 by the clock but in reality it will be but 7.30 o'clock. But when the clock is pushed back an hour next October the men on this shift will work a nine instead of an eight hour shift.

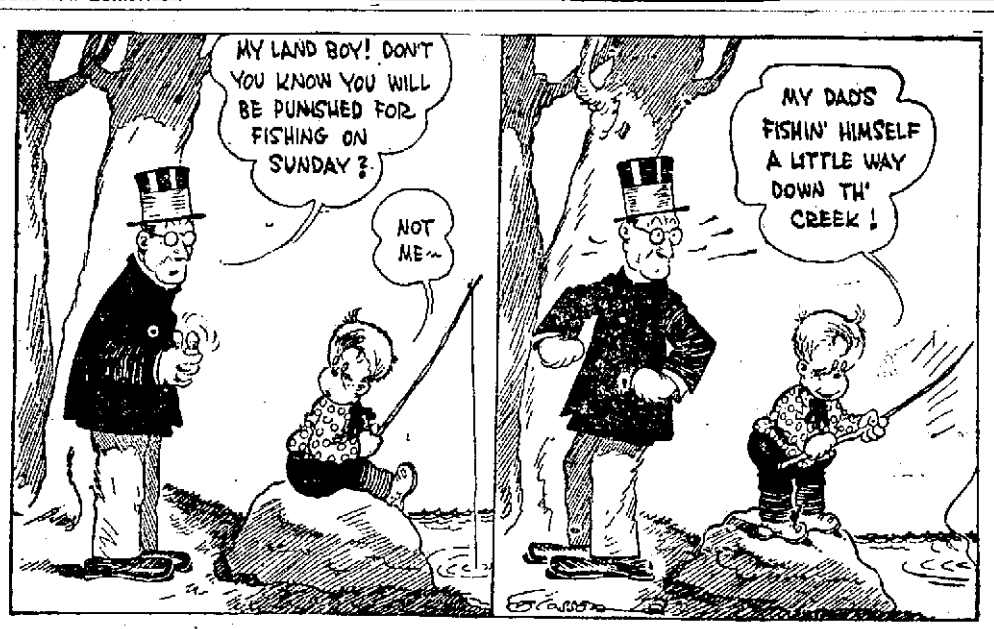
B. & M. WANTS TO INCREASE RATES

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The Boston & Maine railroad today applied to the interstate commerce commission for increased carload commodity rates on iron and steel articles from New England and New York to points in the central west. The increase is to restore the relationship of rates existing prior to the recent 15 per cent. advance.

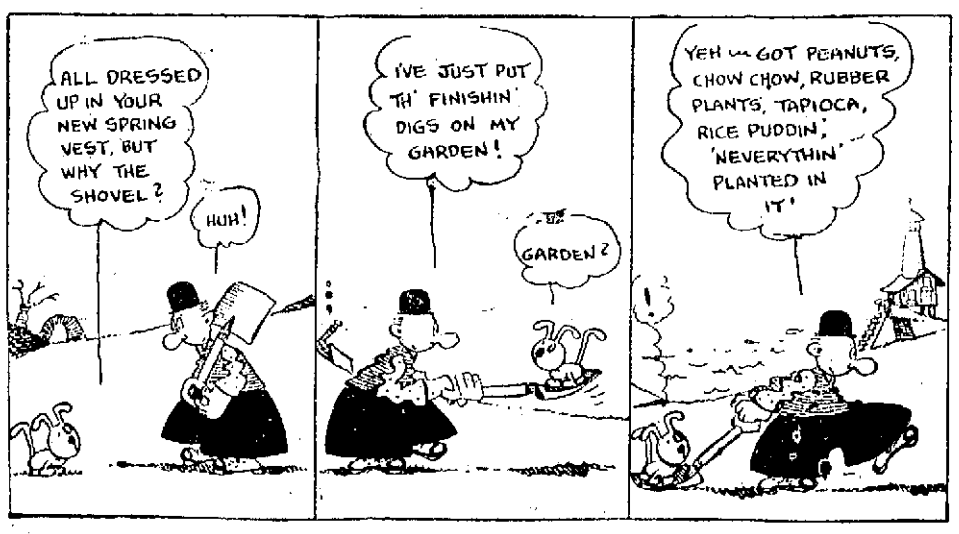
AGREE ON BILL TO GIVE M'ADOO POWER

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The ways and means committee today tentatively agreed on a bill to give Secretary McAdoo power to issue $8,000,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, double the amount now authorized.





HIS WARNING ISN'T NECESSARY





BENNY WAS HELPING HOOVER AND ALONG CAME McADOO

PROVIDENCE WINS FROM LOWELL, 5 TO 4

POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	49	36	58.3
Lawrence	43	36	56.1
Lewiston	40	35	53.3
Providence	42	37	53.2
Worcester	29	41	41.4
Portland	27	49	35.5

ROLLER POLO RESULTS

Providence 5, Lowell 4.
Lawrence 5, Worcester 0.
Lewiston 8, Portland 1.

PROVIDENCE, March 26.—Lowell gave the Gold Bugs a terrific battle here last night but was forced to take the count by a score of 5 to 4. The contest was the best played here this season by a big margin. Pence was the big stumbling block for the visitors, but Purcell performed wonders in the Lowell goal. Lowell excelled in team play and in all around work but the ball rolled with the Gold Bugs. Lowell had two in and out goals and on each occasion a Providence man followed with a count.

The lineup, score and summary:

Providence	Lowell
Jason, lr	lr, Williams
Thompson, 2r	2r, Harkins
Muirhead, c	c, Griffith
Doherty, hb	hb, Cusick
Pence, g	g, Purcell

(First Period)

Caged by, Won by	Time
Thompson, Providence	1.55
Williams, Lowell	1.55
Williams, Lowell	6.35
Jason, Providence	4.00

(Second Period)

Jason, Providence	1.45
Griffith, Lowell	7.25

(Third Period)

Thompson, Providence	9.20
Thompson, Providence	6.10
Williams, Lowell	2.10

Rushes: Williams 8, Jason 4. Stops: Purcell 51; Pence 45. Referee, Kilgaraj; timer, Perrin.

POLO NOTES

Tonight Lowell and Lawrence occupants of first and second places in the polo league standing, and the bitterest rivals in said organization will clash at the Rollaway rink. Captain Harkins will be back in the Lowell lineup, for his first local appearance since a week ago Friday, and he is confident that he will lead his men to victory. Capt. Hardy, the popular (in Lawrence) captain of the boys from down below, with Jean, Duggan, Slater, O'Hearn and Blount, will be on hand and as usual a packed house will be on hand to greet them. The game will start at 8.15 o'clock.

On next Thursday night, Worcester and Lowell will meet at the local rink. The game was scheduled for Good Friday night, but Manager Moore had it shifted in order to permit closing the rink on that evening.

Ben Keaveney writes:

Buckley certainly filled in fine for the Lowell team during Capt. Harkins' sickness as the team won three of the four games played without the leader. "Buck" sure has made good with a vengeance and is as good right now as many of the other rushers that are holding down steady jobs. Next year he will get his chance and it's good betting he makes good. "Buck" is a strong boy, ready to mix it up with any of them, and with some experience should become a regular.

Owing to the increased demand for reserved seats for tonight's game the bleachers in front of the press box have been reserved.

VESPER COUNTRY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Vesper Country club will be held Thursday night at the club's quarters at Tyngs Island.

The club has extended a general invitation to all golf players stationed at Camp Devens at the present time to use the links at Tyngs Island any time during their stay in this vicinity. There are a number of the soldier boys who are very enthusiastic over the game and it is expected that in the near future the boys at Camp Devens will make the most of the opportunity.

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—IN—

Doug pulls some new stunts on the "greasers" in this sensational story of the Mexican Border.

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Game at 8.15
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C.Y.M.I. MIDGETS BASKETBALL TEAM WANTS TO MEET THE O.M.I. CADET FIVE

George Rodgers, captain of the C.Y.M.I. Midgets basketball team, writes to The Sun sporting editor to say that his team is willing to meet the O.M.I. Cadet Five "to represent the C.Y.M.I., setting aside the so-called 'Acre' representation." Manager Rodgers suggests that if a game be arranged, it should not be played in a hall with three posts in the middle where a serious accident is likely to occur. He suggests the Y.M.C.I. hall. He will be pleased to meet the O.M.I. Cadet management in their armory Wednesday evening.

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—IN—

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AMATEURS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

KID WILLIAMS LEADING SCORER LAST WEEK

Kid Williams of Lowell was the leading goal-getter last week, when he drove 23 into the draperies. Thompson of Providence came next with 14. The averages are as follows:

Rushes Won By

Mulligan 429, Higgins 341, Red Williams 291, Lincoln 256, Duggan 256, Kid Williams 245, Kehoe 219, Oldham 205, O'Hearne 98, Slater 94, Long 93, Alexander 74, George Hart 62, Jason 60, Mulvey 45, Reed 18, Davis 7, Harkins 4, Bob Hart 2, Daignault 2, Leonard 2, Loxon 1, Thompson 1, Yale 1.

Goals Made By

Higgins 233, Harkins 177, George Hart 162, Thompson 159, Kid Williams 140, Red Williams 106, Mulligan 101, Bob Hart 101, Slater 90, Duggan 89, Lincoln 78, Kehoe 74, Oldham 66, Griffiths 64, Long 57, Jason 56, Hardy 44, Alexander 43, Dufresne 39, Jean 29, Muirhead 23, Cameron 16, Carrigan 16, Buckley 16, Mulvey 12, Reed 12, Doherty 11, McGilvray 11, Farrell 16, Loxon 10, Donnelly 8, O'Brien 8, Daignault 8, Morrison 8, Brown 7, Yale 7, Fennell 3, Asquith 3.

Fouls Made By

Doherty 28, Donnelly 22, Hardy 19, Morrison 14, Griffith 14, Muirhead 14, Farrell 14, Cusick 12, Dufresne 11, Fennell 10, O'Brien 9, Blount 8, Cameron 8, Bob Hart 6, Thompson 6, Harkins 6, Jean 6, Carrigan 5, Duggan 4, Slater 3, Mulligan 3, Kehoe 2, Red Williams 3, Kid Williams 3, Alexander 3, Brown 2, Loxon 2, Oldham 2, Jason 2, Mullen 2, Long 2, Welch 1, Pence 1, Lincoln 1, Higgins 1, George Hart 1.

Goaltend's Averages

	Stoped	Missed	Ave.
Blount	3051	264	92.0
Pence	3271	304	91.5
Conlay	3136	313	90.9
Mallorey	636	70	90.1
Purcell	3251	445	88.0
Lovegreen	36	5	87.8
Mullen	2624	397	86.9
Cashman	1084	180	85.8
Allard	860	146	85.6

LAWRENCE MFG. CO. LEAGUE

The following is the standing of the Lawrence Mfg. Co. bowling league together with individual averages:

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Web Knit	70	18	$2,201
Yarn Dept.	49	39	31,164
Shipping Dept.	49	39	30,854
Shirt Finish	44	44	30,994
Hose Knit	33	55	30,328
Dye House	19	69	29,250

Individual averages:
Bourque 104.3, Desrosiers 100.26, Vizena 99.52, Trudell 99.48, P. Geoffroy 99.41, Sewell 98.62, Nault 98.59, Champagne 98.42, Lacombe 95.50, Pelton 95.38, Swindells 95.27, Clay 95.17, Chase 94.42, Davis 94.28, Carpentier 94.12, J. Geoffroy 93.55, Pigeon 93.29, Senior 92.18, Levy 93.7, Pillsbury 93.1, Benoit 92.50, Brown 92.49, Hunt 92.2, Green 91.56, Frappier 91.32, Guilbeault 90.16, Lemire 90.8, Spriggs 90.4.

Team high three string, 1576, Web Knit; second, 1568, Web Knit; team high single, 571, Web Knit; second, 546, Web Knit. Individual high three string, 351, P. Geoffroy, Web Knit; second, 349, P. Geoffroy, Web Knit; individual high single, 144, Sewell, Yarn Dept.; second, 139, Benoit, Dye House.

HELP SWITZERLAND

U. S. Ships to Take Food Supplies to That Country

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Transfer of 50,000 tons of American shipping to the Swiss government to take food supplies for that country was announced yesterday by the shipping board.

With its sources of food cut off by the battle line, Switzerland several months ago turned to the United States with an urgent request for foodstuffs and ships to carry them across the Atlantic.

The state department gave assurances to the Swiss government that America would aid in every way possible.

Several ships bearing grain to Switzerland have been torpedoed recently, making it necessary to procure additional tonnage.

Switzerland is expected to procure safe conduct from Germany before putting in service any of the vessels which the United States has agreed to permit it to use.

The port of arrival for the relief ships will be Cette, in southern France, where supplies will be shipped overland by rail to the Swiss frontier.

Although the number and size of the ships to be turned over were not made public, it is believed that several of the Dutch vessels recently obtained will be included.

NO TAX "LADIES' DAY"

Those Exempt From War Tax at Baseball Parks

WASHINGTON, March 26.—"Ladies' day" at baseball parks will not be affected by the war tax, according to an announcement made today by the bureau of internal revenue. The bureau has ruled that the "admission of a lady on on a gentleman's ticket without charge is not taxable because the same ticket covers both, even though an unaccompanied lady must pay the same admission as a gentleman."

Others who are exempt are baseball writers, telephone operators, bona fide employes of the baseball associations, public officials on official business and children under 12 years of age, who are admitted free. The bureau's announcement explains that the exemption does not apply to "newspaper critics and reporters occupying seats in the audience" but only to those who occupy special spaces such as press boxes.

There will be no change in the time honored custom of letting in for nothing the boy who recovers the ball after it has been knocked over the fence, the statement says.

The bureau has decided that holders of season boxes or seats must pay the tax for every game, whether the seats or boxes are occupied or not.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Club Owners and Others Interested Meet In New York

NEW YORK, March 26.—Club owners and others interested in the affairs of the International league arrived here today for informal conferences preliminary to a meeting of the league tomorrow at which it is expected definite action will be taken on the long delayed question of whether to start the season or suspend operations during the war.

As many of the best players in the league have been disposed of to major leagues and interest is reported to be lukewarm in a majority of the cities composing the circuit, the opinion is held generally that the organization will not attempt to start.

The Baltimore and Toronto managers, in their efforts to induce other cities to fill the gaps caused by resignations, have met with virtually no encouragement. Jack Dunn of Baltimore, it is said, will endeavor to form a new league, if the International suspends operations.

TO FILL THE GAPS

Machinery to Speed Up Recruiting In England

LONDON, March 26.—To fill the gaps caused by the German advance in France, the authorities have decided to place the recruiting machinery in motion again throughout the country. In order to assist the government the miners have placed the organization of their union at the disposal of the recruiting officers.

"To provide for all contingencies," says the Daily Mail, "it has been decided to speed up the recruiting machinery and the men already scheduled for calling up will be summoned to the colors more quickly than was intended. The government will take firm measures where needed."

The Mail says the events in France have proved to be a great stimulus for voluntary recruiting for home service among discharged soldiers and men up to the age of 50.

66 LIVES LOST

British Mine Sweeping Sloop Sunk By Mine

LONDON, March 26.—The Admiralty announced last night the sinking of a mine sweeping sloop through striking a mine on Friday last. Two officers and 64 men were lost.

TYNGSBORO GIRL

In Path of Hun Drive—Whole Party Reported Safe

BOSTON, March 26.—The Smith college Red Cross unit, which went to France last fall to help in reconstruction work in ruined villages, has been stationed about three miles west of St. Quentin, directly in the path of the German drive. Reports to Paris that all the Red Cross units in the danger zone are safe have reassured Boston officers of the unit.

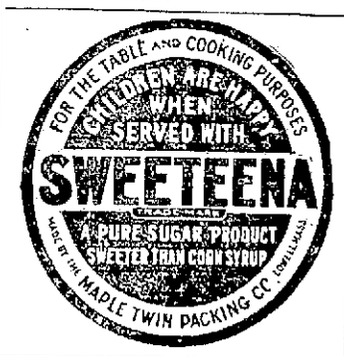
Miss L. K. Fast of 27 Eliot street, Jamaica Plain, treasurer of the unit, said last night that the unit has had an extra supply of gasoline on hand ever since it has been in France, ready to get away at a moment's notice.

Members of the unit include several Smith alumnae from New England. Mrs. Barrett Andrews of Bronxville, N. Y., is the director, and other members are Miss Lucy Mather, Hartford; Miss Margaret Wood, Winetka, Ill.; Miss Alice Leavens, Jamaica Plain; Miss Millicent Lewis, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.; Miss Marion Bennett, Tyngsboro; Miss Marie Wolfs, Newark, N. J.; Miss Katherine Hooper, Montclair, N. J., and Miss Ruth Joslin, Chicago, Ill.

BERLIN CELEBRATES SUCCESS IN WEST

LONDON, March 25.—Berlin was decorated Monday and church bells were ringing in celebration of the success on the western front, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. The Catholic churches in Berlin have arranged for a special day of prayer.

Louisiana has a new product. It is cactus candy. The cactus is peeled, dipped in hot sirup or molasses, and coated with sugar.



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LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Nellie S. Gay, late of Billerica, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Nellie Lyons Gay, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her without giving a surety on her bond, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined the trust.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of April, A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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COTTON WEAVERS wanted, out-of-town; ship Monday. Middlesex Service Bureau, 398 Middlesex st.

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RAILWAY MAIL CLERK examinations everywhere April 13; complete special preparation by former government examiner, $8; write quick for free booklet J-29. Patterson Civil Service School, Rochester, N. Y.

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CASH FOR OLD FALSE TEETH—Don't matter if broken. I pay $2.00 to $15.00 per set, also cash for old gold, silver, platinum, dental gold and old gold jewelry. Will send cash by return mail and will hold goods 10 days for sender's approval of my price. Mail to L. Mazer, 2007 S. 5th st., Phila. Pa.

LOST AND FOUND

LADY'S BROWN POCKETBOOK containing large sum of money lost March 25. Owner's name on pay envelope. Liberal reward. Write P 93, Sun Office.

POCKETBOOK containing money and gold rosary beads, lost Sat. night in Woolworth's. Finder please return rosary to 38 Blossom st.

BLACK HILL FOLD containing sum of money, lost. Finder please leave at 272 Merrimack st. Reward.

POCKETBOOK containing money and other articles, found in Jackson st. Inquire 40 Linden st.

POCKETBOOK lost with a Camp Devens' pass in it. It is very essential that soldier return pass. Finder kindly send it to 7 Everett street.

SPECIAL NOTICES

JOHN J. HAYDEN, 130 South st., near Summer st. Rooms papered $2.50; including stock; ceilings whitewashed, 40 cents; also painting and plastering done.

WHITEWASHING—If you want it done, take my advice, start at once; there's a reason. Joseph C. McCarron, 46 Chapel st. Drop postal.

BOOTS AND SHOES

REMOVAL SALE—Biggest shoe bargains in Lowell. Entire stock of men's, women's and children's boots and shoes. See John Press, formerly 338A Middlesex st., now at new store, 600 Middlesex st.

CHINESE RESTAURANT

CHIN LEE CO.—Chop suey. American food. Nicest place in the city. Open from 11 a. m. to 1 a. m. 46 Merrimack st.

CONTRACTORS—BUILDERS

CONTRACTOR and builder. Arthur F. Rabeour, residence 934 Bridge st. Res. phone 6042-M; shop 1316.

CHIMNEY EXPERTS

LIMBURG CO.—Chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge st. Tel.

DRESSMAKING

DRESS AND SUIT MAKING, latest styles; satisfaction assured. Mrs. A. E. Scraggs, 9-10 Central Block.

DENTIST

T. E. MARR, D.M.D., 503 Sun bldg. Hrs. 9 to 12; 1 to 5. Mon. Fri. Sat. eves. Tel. 5639

ELECTRIC SHOP

GLORIA INVERTED GAS LIGHTS, $1.18. Regular price $1.75. Electric Shop, 62 Central st., 261 Dutton st. Tel. 1317-W.

FURNITURE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS, stoves, beds, mattresses, rugs. New goods. Cash or credit. Fitch, 160 Middlesex st.

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ITALIAN GROCERIES—Imported olive oil, macaroni and cooked spaghetti, also candy and fruit. Joe and Susie Carpenito, 152 Gorham st.

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JOHN A. OSGOOD, Merrimack, cor. Suffolk st. Appointments can be made by telephone. Tel. 5723.

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STORAGE for furniture at reasonable rates; separate rooms, dry and clean. J. H. MacDonald, 255 Hildreth st.

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ROOFERS—J. Burns & Son, slate roofers. Roofs repaired. Tel. 3282-W. 126 Concord st. Tel. 1458-J. 200 Pleasant st.

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QUINN STOVE REPAIR CO., 140 Gorham st., carries in stock, linings, grates, water fronts, and other parts to fit all stoves and ranges. Work promptly attended to. Tel. 4170.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

11-ROOM HOUSE for sale. Inquire 35 Agawam st., in the rear.

6-ROOM COTTAGE for sale, near Shaw hosiery; newly shingled and painted. This is a dandy for the price. $1350. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

A DANDY 6-ROOM COTTAGE for sale, in Dracut; in excellent repair. To settle an estate. Price $1100. Easy terms. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

COTTAGE for sale, near Westford st.; 6 rooms, gas, toilet, fruit trees; nearly 6000 ft. of land. Price $1700. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

TWO TENEMENT HOUSE for sale, near Sacred Heart church; baths, hot and cold water, furnace heat. Price $3750. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

BARGAIN, bargain, bargain. For sale near Westford st., 6-room cottage, toilet, fruit trees, large yard, very nice neighborhood; easy terms. Bargain, $1600. D. F. Leary, Hildreth bldg.

7-ROOM COTTAGE near Chelmsford st. for sale; gas, toilet, large veranda; dandy location; handy to railroad station. Price $1800. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

RAILROAD MEN take notice—For sale near Gorham st., cottage of 7 large rooms; gas, toilet, garage, large yard; good location. Price $2100. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

$400 CASH buys an 8-room house in Centralville; bath, hot and cold water, gas. A dandy bargain on easy terms; price $2500. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

6 LARGE ROOM COTTAGE for sale near Westford st.; bath, open plumbing, hot and cold water; near two car lines. Price $2100. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

8-ROOM HOUSE near Pine st. for sale; bath, furnace heat; large barn, fruit trees, 14,000 ft. of land. This property is a beauty; price $3600. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

8-ROOM COTTAGE for sale, with 18,000 ft. of land, at 73 Jenness st. Inquire at the above address.

$400 CASH buys a 3-tenement house near Westford st.; 6 rooms each, bath, gas, electricity, newly painted; yearly rental $170; for quick sale, $3100. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

Proposals For Coal

Sealed proposals addressed to the Middlesex County Commissioners and endorsed "Proposals for Coal" will be received by said Commissioners at the Court House, Lowell, until Monday the 15th day of April, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. for a supply of coal to be delivered at the Court House, the Lowell Jail and at the Training School, North Chelmsford, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

All bids must be upon blank forms to be obtained at the office of the Commissioners, Court House, East Cambridge, and must give the prices proposed both in writing and in figures, and be signed by the bidder with his address.

Specifications and forms of proposal and contract may be obtained at the office of the Commissioners, Court House, East Cambridge.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids or accept any bid as they may deem best.

ALFRED L. CUTTING,
ERSON B. BARLOW,
WALTER C. WARDWELL,
Middlesex County Commissioners.
Cambridge, Mass., March 22, 1918.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Division

To Boston Lve.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Fr. Boston Arr.
5.20	6.50	2.55	3.59
6.23	7.26	6.00	7.08
6.47	7.50	x6.35	8.04
b6.30	7.53	7.55	8.26
6.57	8.00	nb8.21	9.34
7.22	8.15	9.00	9.42
7.50	8.37	9.30	10.00
9.01	9.42	12.30	1.00
9.48	10.37	h1.05	1.58
10.14	11.05	2.15	3.10
11.06	11.48	3.00	3.51
12.15	1.03	4.05	5.27
1.43	2.35	4.00	4.42
2.45	3.41	5.00	5.42
b3.30	4.10	b5.21	6.37
4.15	5.26	5.38	6.33
5.32	6.36	b6.48	7.10
b6.09	7.25	6.14	7.23
7.33	8.19	8.00	8.41
8.37	9.20	8.30	9.11
9.45	10.31	10.30	11.37
		11.40	12.46

Portland Division

To Boston Lve.	Fr. Boston Arr.
6.35	7.56	10.50	11.58
10.58	12.07	3.29	4.40
pm5.14	6.44	5.14	6.13
7.08	8.28	7.00	8.15
9.50	11.00	0.50	11.09

Sunday Trains Portland Division

12.07	1.16	3.30	4.45
3.40	4.45	5.14	6.43
5.45	7.05	8.45	9.58
8.55	10.04		

Sunday Trains Southern Division

6.47	7.30	8.45	9.47
7.32	8.15	9.30	10.48
8.25	9.35	1.00	2.08
9.10	10.12	5.30	6.21
10.20	11.17	7.15	8.30
2.52	3.55	8.00	9.41
5.10	6.00	8.30	9.11
8.15	8.57	9.20	10.25
8.45	9.58	10.38	11.44
9.45	10.40		

b via Bedford; x via Salem jct. n via Wilmington jct. h Sat. only.

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STATE'S POLICY TOWARD TEXTILE SCHOOLS

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 26.—In order to bring matters to a head in the controversy which has been raging with respect to the textile schools in Lowell, New Bedford and Fall River, the state board of education has drafted bills setting forth what it believes should be the policy of the commonwealth toward each of the schools, and the legislative committee on education is to give a public hearing on the measures Wednesday, April 3.

The bills provide, in brief, for the plan which was explained in this paper several weeks ago. It contemplates that the New Bedford and Fall River schools shall be joined with the vocational schools in the respective cities, the city and state splitting "50-50" on the cost of maintaining the combined instruction.

The Lowell school is to be treated on a different basis with respect to its advanced classes. This instruction is to be taken over and maintained exclusively by the commonwealth, while in the lower grades there is to be the same 50-50 split of the cost as is provided for in the case of the Fall River and New Bedford schools.

In submitting the bills formally to the committee on education yesterday for printing, Commissioner of Education Smith said:

"The board was asked to report on the question of state policy only. The schools have been operated in the past under private boards of trustees. When they are taken over and become public institutions, their operation should conform to the policy of the state relative to industrial education, insofar as they fall within the general class as to industrial education. That policy has been established already and it provides that the state and the city shall bear equally the expense of such education.

"The recommendations we have made are, therefore, that all of the work of the lower grades in these schools shall be put on that 50-50 basis. There is no reason, in the opinion of the board, why the three cities concerned should be given any preference over those communities in the matter of industrial education.

"The only other question is as to whether or not the state should enter into higher textile education. In the opinion of the board, the legislation enacted and the work of the school points to the Lowell school as the only one in which technological courses are given. The bill we have presented provides that the state shall take over the Lowell school and conduct its higher grade courses; leaving to the city of Lowell, if it so desires, the making of a contract to combine its lower textile courses with those of the city's industrial education scheme.

"The board believes, however, that the higher courses in all the schools should be continued, at least until further investigation shows that it is unwise to do so.

"It is recognized that this plan implies the maintenance of two schools in Fall River and New Bedford. These cities are given an opportunity to decide whether to keep up the two establishments. The board believes it is practical to combine the industrial and textile schools in Fall River.

"The proposition at Lowell involves decision being made within a year as to whether the city shall enter into a contract with the state for industrial education.

"The major attention of the people in the three cities is centred on textile education. The board would strengthen that in line with the wishes and purposes of the people in the several cities."

Dr. Smith said the only alternative appeared to the board to be exclusive state ownership and operation of the schools. That, he argued, would lead to new demands for state schools for the shoe industry and for extension of the industrial education idea as a state function, with great attendant expense in the future. He predicted that even the continuation of the present basis of apportioning maintenance costs—three-fourths of the state and one-fourth on each of the respective cities—would lead in the same manner to demands for similar treatment for education in other lines of industry.

Lowell School Bill

An act to provide for the transfer of the property of the trustees of the Lowell Textile school to the commonwealth and the further control, maintenance and policy of said school.

Sect. 1. The trustees of the Lowell Textile school of Lowell, a corporation established under the provisions of chapter 475 of the acts of the year 1895, are hereby authorized to convey to the commonwealth of Massachusetts, the land, buildings and other property now owned by said corporation, the said conveyance to be in form approved by the attorney general.

Sect. 2. In the event of a conveyance, as hereinbefore authorized, there shall be established a board of trustees for the management, direction and control of said school, to be made up as follows: There shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, nine suitable persons, citizens of Massachusetts, of whom at least five shall be especially interested in the textile industry, all shall be appointed for the term of one year, from July 1, 1918, who, with the mayor, superintendent of schools, and the chairman of the school committee of the city of Lowell, ex-officio, shall constitute said board of trustees.

Sect. 3. For the period of one year from and after July 1, 1918, said board of trustees, subject to the approval and inspection of the board of education, shall manage, direct and control said Lowell Textile school of Lowell as a textile school, and said board of trustees may expend during the year ending July 1, 1919, such sums as the general court may appropriate for the maintenance, equipment and extension of said Lowell Textile school of Lowell.

Sect. 4. Said board of trustees shall be and hereby are directed and instructed forthwith upon their assumption of the management, direction and control of the said school to negotiate, in co-operation with the board of education, with the city of Lowell the terms of the contract whereby all textile courses of less than technological grade in said school shall be organized and operated in conjunction with the vocational school system of the city of Lowell on substantially the terms of chapter 471 of the acts of the year 1911, as now or hereafter amended, with such provisions as to details of management as shall seem necessary.

Sect. 5. Said board of trustees shall be and hereby are directed and instructed to report to the next general court on or before the 15th day of January, 1919, stating the results of said negotiations and the terms of said contracts, together with the plans for the management, direction, control, maintenance and extension of said school, from and after July 1, 1918, accompanying said report by draft of proposed legislation, necessary to make said contracts and plans effective, and incorporating in said report any pertinent conclusions or recommendations they may deem advisable. HOYT.

TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILD ASPHYXIATED—WOMAN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Cecile Desrosiers, aged two years and five months, was found dead from gas poisoning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Byron, 179 Avon street, last night, and Mrs. Byron had a narrow escape from being a victim. The latter did not recover consciousness until 5 o'clock this morning. The timely arrival of Mr. Byron, the good work done by Dr. James J. Cassidy, and the use of the pulmotor saved the woman's life.

The unfortunate accident occurred during the afternoon, but Mrs. Byron seems to remember nothing after 2 o'clock. The Desrosiers child was the daughter of Oliver Desrosiers, whose wife died some time ago. The child had been taken care of by Mr. and Mrs. Byron, the latter being a sister to the father. Mr. Desrosiers has also been living at the Byron house.

When Mr. Byron reached the house about 6.30 o'clock he detected a strong odor of gas and tracing it to the vulcan heater found that the gas cock was turned on. He then entered one of the bed rooms in search of his wife and found her lying unconscious on the floor while the Desrosiers child was lying apparently lifeless on the bed.

Dr. Cassidy worked over the woman for a long time and after resorting to artificial respiration she showed signs of life. Later the pulmotor was brought from the police station and that was also used on the woman.

Mrs. Byron is unable to explain how the gas happened to be turned on stating that the last thing she remembers was about 2 o'clock when, while in the bath room, she became faint. It is thought that while in a semi-conscious condition she made her way into the bedroom with the intention of saving the child and was overcome.

SPECIAL LICENSE FOR THE HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS

Hereafter hawkers or peddlers who sell produce to hotels, restaurants or in fact any place where it is re-sold, must have a special license from the United States food administration department. Those who sell goods from house to house for immediate use of the consumer, however, do not need a license. This license is required in addition to the regular hawker and peddler license issued by the license commission.

Clerk John J. Flaherty of the license commission is in receipt of the following self-explanatory communication from the office of the United States food administration:

Hucksters or peddlers of food or vegetables who sell to hotels, restaurants, retail stores, or any other companies or persons who do not consume what they purchase, but who in turn sell to the consumer, are required to obtain a license from the United States food administration, no matter what the amount of their sales.

These licenses may be obtained by addressing the Law Department, License Division, United States Food Administration, Washington, D. C.

Hucksters or peddlers who sell from house to house for immediate use of the consumer, require no license, unless their business amounts to $100,000 or more annually.

REPORT OF DISASTER AT ST. JOHN DISPELLED

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 26.—The exploding of cartridges during a fire in a hardware store here today caused reports that a catastrophe had occurred in the city. The reports were quickly dispelled when the cause of the explosions was learned.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Division 1 of the A.O.H. is making a strenuous effort to increase its membership and Dr. Patrick J. Bagley has been appointed chairman of a campaign committee to conduct the drive. A meeting was held last evening and tentative arrangements were discussed. Another meeting has been called for tomorrow evening and more detailed plans will be made known.

Before taking your train home from Boston get The Sun at either newsstand in the North station.

LOWELL BOY'S NAME ON LIST OF MISSING

Verifying the belief of his mother as expressed in The Sun, several days ago, word has been received that John J. O'Donnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew O'Donnell of 54 Manchester street, was among those on board the American destroyer Manley when it collided with a British warship recently. O'Donnell is reported missing with 15 other members of the crew. The last letter received from him came on Feb. 23, and said that he was spending a furlough with his aunt in Manchester, England.

The following telegram from the navy department was received at the O'Donnell home this morning:

Washington, D. C., March 25, 1918. Bartholomew O'Donnell, 54 Manchester street, Lowell, Mass.

The bureau deeply regrets to inform you that report just received advises



JOHN JOSEPH O'DONNELL

that following accident to the U. S. Manley on March 19 a number of men disappeared and the name of John Joseph O'Donnell, seaman, second class, U.S. navy, appears on the list of missing. In view of the nature of the accident and the time that has elapsed without hearing anything from John Joseph O'Donnell, the bureau is reluctantly compelled to believe that he has lost his life. The bureau extends to you sincere sympathy and if any future information is received you will be advised.

John Joseph O'Donnell was a graduate of the Sacred Heart school and a former member of the Indian club. He was 21 years old and enlisted last June. He leaves besides his mother and father, six sisters, Mrs. Edward J. Shaughnessy, Josephine, Marcella, Mary, Alice and Margaret O'Donnell and two brothers, James and William.

Another Lowell boy, John Lovell of 32 Bolsvert street, is also thought to have been aboard the Manley, but no news has been received about him.

DEATHS

GRYAN—The many friends of Martin and Margaret A. Maloney Cryan will be grieved to learn of the death of their daughter Katherine, who passed away this morning at St. John's hospital after a brief illness, aged 12 years, 6 months, 23 days. Deceased was born in this city and was a pupil at the Pawtucketville school where she was dearly beloved by both schoolmates and teachers. Besides her parents she leaves three sisters, Miss Mary E., Mrs. Ralph B. Corkran and Miss Margaret G. Cryan, and three brothers, John J. with the American Expeditionary Forces somewhere in France, Martin C. and James P. Cryan. The body was taken to her home, 90 Whipple street by Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

FLEMMINGS—William P. Flemmings, a well known employe of the water works department, died last evening at St. John's hospital. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Julia Dempsey. The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of P. H. Savage.

GUTKNECHT—Arthur Gene Gutknecht, infant son of Louis and Bertha Gutknecht, died Sunday evening at the home of his parents, 221 Lincoln street. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and on account of the cause of death (cerebro spinal meningitis) was private. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

FUNERALS

HART—The funeral of Daniel Hart took place this morning from his home, 40 Marion street, at 8.15 o'clock and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church where a high mass of requiem was sung at 9 o'clock by Rev. James Kerrigan. There were many beautiful floral tributes and spiritual bouquets. In attendance at the funeral was the following delegation from the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church: Patrick Ragan, Patrick Reardon, John Alley and John Dalton. The bearers were John Harrigan, Michael Driscoll, Daniel Redding, John Cawley and Daniel H. Crowley. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. James Kerrigan read the committal prayers, Undertaker Peter H. Savage in charge.

KANE—The funeral of John J. Kane took place this morning from his home, 420 Broadway, at 9 o'clock, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church where a high mass of requiem was sung at 9.45 o'clock by Rev. Joseph Curtin. There were many beautiful floral tributes. In attendance at the funeral was the following delegation from the Flushing club: Florence Murphy, John Frain, William Sullivan and John Barry. Broadway Social Athletic club was represented by Michael Kelley and John Hannafin. The bearers were James Shugrue, John Hannifin, Patrick Harrigan, Robert Ganley, Michael Kelley and Representative Denis A. Murphy. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. Joseph Curtin read the committal prayers. Undertaker Peter H. Savage was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

WHOLEY—The funeral of Timothy Wholey took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his home, 3 rear of 70 Andrews street, and was very largely attended, many relatives and friends being present from Boston and Revere. The cortege proceeded to the Sacred Heart church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I. Rev. James McDermott, O.M.I., occupied a seat in the sanctuary. There were many beautiful floral offerings, also many spiritual remembrances. There was a delegation from Branch O'Neil-Crowley, Irish National Foresters, consisting of the following members: James Cryan, Daniel Moynahan and John Norton, and from Div. 11, A.O.H., Patrick Linehan, Patrick Connolly and John Burns. The bearers were Messrs. Daniel Sullivan and Michael Molloy, representing the Holy Name society, Joseph F. Garrity and Bartholomew O'Donnell from Div. 11, A.O.H., and Charles J. Bhanley and Martin O'Flaherty from the Irish National Foresters. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Flynn read the committal prayers at the grave. Funeral Director James W. McKenna was in charge of the arrangements.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CRYAN—The funeral of Miss Katherine Cryan will take place Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her home, 90 White street. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. A mass of requiem will be sung at St. Columba's church, the date to be announced later. Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons in charge of arrangements.

HAMBLIN—Died in this city, March 24, at 2 rear 94 First street, William Hamblin, aged 4 years, 4 months and 8 days. Funeral services will be held from the home of his parents, William and Clara Hamblin, 2 rear 94 First street, on Wednesday, March 27, at 2 o'clock. Friends invited. Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mary Hamblin.

HURLEY—The funeral of John J. Hurley will take place Thursday afternoon from his late home, 113 Concord street. There will be a mass of requiem at the Immaculate Conception church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers John F. Rogers.

MURCH—Died in this city March 24 at the Lowell Corporation hospital, Mrs. Annie L. Murch, aged 73 years, 1 month, 21 days. Funeral services will be held from the rooms of Undertakers Young & Blake Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private.

WILSON—Died March 25 in Kenwood, Dracut, George H. Wilson, aged 1 year, 9 months and 4 days, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wilson on the Lawrence road. Funeral services will be held at the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, 79 Branch street, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private.

YOUNG—Died in this city, March 24 at her home, 17 Manahan street, Mrs. Lois J. Young, aged 31 years, 11 months. Funeral services will be held from the Worthen Street Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dear parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roarke, March 26, 1912; April 26, 1914. Gone but not forgotten by

KATHERINE, MARGARET, ALICE.

TO BORROW $50,000

Continued

tition was referred after it was found that there were no remonstrants.

The New England Telephone Co., the Lowell Electric Light Corp. and the Postal Telegraph Co. petitioned for permission to erect and maintain 51 poles in Lawrence street between Agawam and Boylston streets and a hearing was set for April 9.

John J. Bravacos filed a claim for personal injuries and his claim was referred to the mayor and city solicitor. Manuel J. Avila of 38 Chippewa street was appointed a measurer of wood, etc.

On the petition of the George W. Harris Co. for a gasoline license in Perkins street a hearing was set for April 16. Similar action was taken on the gasoline and garage petitions of Henry A. Smith and the Lowell Cycle Shop.

An order relating to the watering and oiling of streets for the year 1918 was adopted, the expense of the work to be borne by the abutters. Mr. Morse said the oil companies will not let out any bid, but he expects the visit of a representative of one company tomorrow. He said the watering cars will go out April 1 but arrangements will have to be made with the Bay State Street Railway Co. for conductors and motormen.

The city clerk's bond of $3000 was received and accepted.

Mrs. W. Parker of 35 C street filed a claim for personal injuries. She claimed she fell on the sidewalk in Chelmsford street on Feb. 9 and fractured her ankle. She claimed she also injured her head and back. The claim was referred.

An order appropriating $3000 for the claim department was adopted.

$50,000 Paving Loan

An order for the borrowing of $50,000 for block paving was presented by the commissioner of streets and highways, the loan being for ten years.

Mr. Morse read the following vote in relation to the loan:

Whereas, the principal sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) is this day voted to be borrowed, and the same having been appropriated for the purpose of providing for the permanent construction of stone block pavement in the city of Lowell, and said sum being accredited to an appropriation designated and called an "appropriation for the construction of stone block permanent pavement";

Now, therefore, it is voted that the construction of the stone block permanent pavement to be undertaken during the current year shall be confined to the following named streets, at the estimated costs therefor designated hereinafter:

First:—Finish Appleton street at an estimated cost of $10,000.

Second:—To block pave Central street from Church street to Hosford square at an estimated cost of $25,000.

Third:—To block pave Marginal street from Wilder street to Middlesex street at an estimated cost of $10,000.

(Central and Marginal streets to be done simultaneously).

Fourth:—To block pave Lawrence street from Rogers street to Watson street at an estimated cost of $10,000.

The said appropriation already having a sufficient balance, which, together with the loan thus provided, will carry on the work contemplated by this vote.

The municipal council establishes the above direction as its policy; being influenced on the grounds of public convenience and necessity, and

It is voted, moreover, that the commissioner of streets and highways carry out said policy and cause the work to be done as sequentially set forth, pursuant to this vote.

The order was adopted. The mayor said he believed that paving should start from the centre of the city.

About Marginal street he said he secured data concerning the trucking on that street on the part of the companies, whose plants are on that street, and he was surprised to learn that so much business was going on in that thoroughfare and he said he now feels the street should be paved. The mayor also referred to the annual payroll of the Bay State Co. which is $500,000 and that of the Columbia Textile Co. which is $100,000.

Mr. Morse referred to Lawrence street and said it should be widened, but the mayor said the abutters were not willing to remove their buildings and he did not believe in pushing it down their throats.

The meeting adjourned until next Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

EAGLES START CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

A very interesting special meeting of the Lowell aerie of Eagles was held last night with Worthy President John A. Calnan in the chair.

The meeting was called for the purpose of making arrangements for the recruiting contest, which is about to be started in connection with the opening of the charter.

Two teams were appointed and at the close of the contest the team bringing in the most number of "recruits" will be the guests of the losing team at a dinner. The membership of the aerie at present is 1850 and the slogan of both teams is 2000 members by May 15, at which time the contest will be brought to a close.

The teams are as follows: David J. Hackett, captain; Timothy J. Barry, James J. Bowen, George Messian, David Longley, George Swallow, Cornelius T. O'Keefe, William A. Mack, William J. Eastman, William F. Carey, John J. Driscoll, James J. Donnelly, John E. Greene, Joseph Hughes, John E. Fay and Joseph Lynch.

William A. Walsh, captain; James J. McCormack, Edward F. Flanagan, Jas. T. McMahon, John M. Hogan, James J. Ward, Martin J. Crowe, William H. Donohue, Edwin Reed, James F. Roarke, John J. Linane, James Kirkpatrick, Thomas F. Quinn, John A. Calnan, Peter F. Brady and John O'Loughlin.

The quarterly meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at which time reports of the officers will be read.

SUN BREVITIES

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J. F. Donohoe, 228 Hildreth Bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone.

The assistant assessors, who were elected at a recent meeting of the board of assessors were notified this morning to report for duty at the office of the assessors at city hall at 8.45 o'clock next Monday morning.

The sounding of an automatic alarm at the U. S. Bobbin & Shuttle Co. in Rogers street about 8.06 o'clock last night gave the members of Engine 4 a needless run to that plant. There was no fire.

The ambulance was called to the Boott mills about 8.45 o'clock this morning and removed Artimis Kazgha, a woman employe, who was suffering from lacerations of the scalp, to the Lowell Corporation hospital.

Mayor Thompson has written a letter to the moving picture houses of the city requesting them to suspend performances next Friday, Good Friday. The mayor said he believes that the day should be observed in a very quiet manner and he is of the opinion that the theatrical men of the city will take kindly to his request.

Albert Desrosiers, aged 12 years and residing at 72 Lakeview avenue, broke his right leg while playing on what is known as Bunker Hill in West Sixth street about 8.30 o'clock this morning. The ambulance was summoned and the boy was taken to the Lowell Corporation hospital where he received treatment.

More than 3200 names have been gone over by the teachers who have been engaged in the clerical work at Division 3 and the members of that exemption board are extremely grateful for the assistance rendered by the young women, whose services were gratis. The work, which was done in spare hours, has been completed much to the satisfaction of the board.

DR. MUCK HELD AS ENEMY ALIEN

BOSTON, March 26.—After a night in a Boston police station, Dr. Karl Muck, conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra, was taken today before United States District Attorney Thomas J. Boynton and other federal officials for questioning. Dr. Muck was taken into custody last night by department of justice agents as an enemy alien, but no statement was forthcoming as to the grounds for this action.

It was reported that Dr. Muck's secretary a few days ago applied at the office of the clerk of the United States district court for blank applications for passports for Dr. and Mrs. Muck. Pending orders disposing of his case, it is expected Dr. Muck will be committed to the county jail at East Cambridge, where federal prisoners customarily are sent.

Dr. Muck, although claiming to be a Swiss citizen, was born in Bavaria, and, according to a statement by Assistant United States District Attorney Judd Dewey, this made it possible to hold him as an enemy alien under the president's proclamation.

Charges that Dr. Muck, for many years conductor at the Imperial Opera House at Berlin before he came to this country by leave of Emperor William, had been actively pro-German became widespread last November when it was alleged that at a concert in Providence the orchestra had been asked to play "The Star Spangled Banner" and that Dr. Muck had refused. Since that time engagements of the orchestra in several cities have been cancelled because of popular opposition.

At the office of Major Henry L. Higginson, patron of the Boston Symphony orchestra it was said today by his secretary that Major Higginson would make no statement on the arrest of Dr. Muck.

It was said that Major Higginson was in conference at his home on Commonwealth avenue with members of the orchestra on changes in arrangements made necessary by the arrest of Dr. Muck.

How Muck Got Swiss Papers

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The citizenship of Dr. Karl Muck has been a subject of discussion in the diplomatic corps here for some time. It is generally understood that while the holder of Swiss papers he is a Prussian in fact.

As explained by one member of the corps today, Dr. Muck's father, when the son was 6 or 8 years old, went to the canton of Zug and obtained by purchase papers entitling him to Swiss citizenship.

He did that, it is said, to obtain the protection of the Swiss government in his business which was largely in Switzerland and also to keep his son from being taken into the Prussian army when he arrived at the age of conscription. The Swiss naturalization laws are administered in many cases by the cantons and in some of these the regulations are very lenient, making it possible for anyone to buy naturalization papers without being compelled to exercise all the preliminary duties of citizens.

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